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NOTICE.—The Postage charge on Newspapers has ceased. The Proprietors of this journal beg to announce that the subscription for the *Herald*, posted from this office for the country, is the same as in town, viz., 13s. per quarter; £1 6s. the half-year; £2 12s. per annum. This rate is *for payment in advance*.

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NOTICE.—Advertisements left at this office *after* half-past 9 p.m. will not in future be published on the following morning, excepting on Saturdays, when they will be taken till 11 p.m.

JOHN FAIRFAX and SONS.

January 1, 1874.

BIRTH.

DAVIDSON.—December 22, at her residence, Mudgee, the wife of Captain Davidson, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

SHARPE—DAVIDSON.—December 22, at St. Paul's Church, Yetholme, by the Rev. Mr. Dalrymple, Ernest A. L. Sharpe, Barrister-at-Law, second son of the Rev. Canon Sharpe, M.A., of All Saints' Cathedral, Bathurst, to Emily Agnes, fourth daughter of W. R. Davidson, of Kirkconnell, ex-Surveyor-General of New South Wales.

STYLES—WOODS.—December 16, at Mudgee, by the Rev. W. Clark, John Mildinhall, youngest son of the late George Mildinhall, Styles, of Sydney, to Annie, fourth daughter of John Talbot Woods, Mudgee.

DEATHS.

CAMPION.—December 25, at the residence of her parents, 108, Campbell-street, Eliza, the beloved daughter of R. J. and Eliza Campion, in the 13th year of her age.

GIBSON.—December 25, at 63 Riley-street North, Sydney, Charles Freeman Gibson, aged 7 years and 10 months, son of the late Mr. George Gibson, theatrical agent.

GIBSON.—December 25, at Parramatta, Reginald Stephen, youngest son of James and Mary J. Gibson, aged 3 months and 2 weeks.

GREGORY.—December 24, at St. Leonards, Percy William, third son of D. W. and M. A. Gregory, aged 29 months.

HENDERSON.—December 24, at the residence of B. C. Bradshaw, Westmoreland-street, Glebe, Robert Charles, the infant son of the late Robert Henderson, aged 10 months.

SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
The Company's steamship
ELLORA,
1727 tons, 300 horse-power,
W. E. DUNDAS, Commander,
will leave Sydney for MELBOURNE, on SUNDAY, the 27th December, 1874, at 9 a.m., in connection with the departure from that port of the Company's steamship
CEYLON,
2111 tons, 450 horse-power,
G. N. HECTOR, R.N.R., Commander,
which will be dispatched on THURSDAY, the 31st December, 1874, for ADELAIDE, KING GEORGE'S SOUND, and GALLE, with H.M. Mails, passengers, cargo, and parcels; also for INDIA, MAURITIUS, JAVA, SINGAPORE, CHINA, JAPAN, and EUROPE.
Cargo will be received until 5 p.m. on the 24th, specie and parcels until 10 a.m. on the 26th December.
For information on all subjects connected with the Company's various lines, apply to
HENRY MOORE, Agent.
Moore's Wharf, 30th November, 1874.
Passengers' accommodation in CEYLON allotted in Sydney by plans in office as heretofore, at same rates as from Melbourne.
Passage money and freight per ELLORA between Sydney and Melbourne, at local rates.
A steamer will be in attendance to convey passengers and baggage to and from Moore's Wharf on arrival or embarkation.

THE EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN MAIL STEAM COMPANY (Limited).
OVERLAND ROUTE, via BRISBANE, Northern QUEENSLAND PORTS, TORRES STRAITS, JAVA, and SINGAPORE, to EUROPE, INDIA, and CHINA.
The Company's steamship
NORMANBY,
1000 tons,
Thomas Park, commander,
under contract with the Queensland Government, will be dispatched for
BRISBANE,
on FRIDAY, 1st January, at 5 p.m.,
taking Mails, Goods, and Passengers, for the above port, and also for Keppel Bay, Bowen, Townsville, Somerset, Batavia, Singapore, and Hongkong.
The facilities for passengers by this route getting on to any of the European or Eastern ports, are as follows:—
To Europe: Mail steamers weekly, and frequent other opportunities.
To Bombay, Madras, and Ceylon: Mail steamers weekly.
To Calcutta: Fortnightly.
To Manila: Fortnightly, in connection with French Mail steamer from Europe.
Full particulars as to rates of freight and passage-money, may be obtained on application at the office of the Company, 322, George-street.
SCOTT, HENDERSON, and CO., Agents.

OVERLAND ROUTE TO EUROPE, VIA SAN FRANCISCO AND NEW YORK.
THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S splendid screw steamship
CITY OF MELBOURNE,
J. W. Brown, commander,
will be dispatched from this port for
SAN FRANCISCO,
(with her Majesty's mails), on SATURDAY, the 16th January, at noon, via AUCKLAND and HONOLULU.
Intending passengers are invited to inspect the very superior accommodation this steamship possesses.
The CITY OF MELBOURNE will go through to San Francisco without transhipment, and therefore offers special advantages to passengers.
For rates of passage, and all information connected with the above, apply at this office.
FREDK. H. TROUTON, Manager.

THE C. AND R. R. S. N. CO.'S STEAMSHIPS.—TO GRAFTON, CLARENCE RIVER, via NEWCASTLE.—The favourite paddle steamship AGNES IRVING, on TUESDAY, 29th December, at 9 p.m., and every TUESDAY, at 9 p.m., leaving GRAFTON on SATURDAY, at 8 a.m., weather permitting.
TO MACLEAY RIVER, via NEWCASTLE, the BALLINA, on MONDAY, 4th January, 1875, at 9 p.m., and EVERY MONDAY, at 9 p.m., weather permitting.
TO PORT MACQUARIE.—The BALLINA, on or about the 4th January, 1875.
TO TAREE, MANNING RIVER direct.—The DIAMANTINA, MONDAY, 28th December, at 11 a.m.
Passengers to these districts are invited to inspect the very superior accommodation of this Company's boats.
THIS DAY, Saturday, being a public holiday, no goods will be received or delivered at this wharf, except perishable goods or live stock.
JOHN WHITE, Secretary.
Sussex-street.

THE CLARENCE AND NEW ENGLAND STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMSHIPS, from Commercial Wharf, foot of King-street.
For GRAFTON, CLARENCE RIVER, via NEWCASTLE.—The HELEN MACGREGOR, on MONDAY NIGHT, at 9 o'clock.
P. S. BUYERS, pro Manager.

HUNTER RIVER N. S. N. CO.—STEAM TO NEWCASTLE, MORPETH, RAYMOND TERRACE, &c.
FROM SYDNEY.
TO-MORROW (Sunday) NIGHT, at 11, the MORPETH.
TUESDAY NIGHT, at 11, the MAITLAND.
THURSDAY MORNING, at 8, the MORPETH.
FRIDAY NIGHT, at 11, the MAITLAND.
FROM NEWCASTLE TO SYDNEY.
MONDAY MORNING, at 10.30, the MAITLAND.
TUESDAY EVENING, at 7, the MORPETH.
THURSDAY MORNING, at 10.30, the MAITLAND.
FRIDAY EVENING, at 7, the MORPETH.
Return tickets available for 14 days.
F. J. THOMAS, Manager.
Offices—foot of Market-street.

STEAM TO AUCKLAND.—The swift and favourite steamship
HERO, 1000 tons,
Thomas Logan, commander,
will be dispatched for the above port at 4 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 29th instant.
SCOTT, HENDERSON, and CO., Agents, 322, George-street.

STEAM TO WELLINGTON AND DUNEDIN.—S. S. HASBY, 2400 tons burthen, A. Kennedy, commander, having very superior accommodation for passengers, and carrying light freight only (detained at the request of shippers) WILL SAIL ON THE 29TH INSTANT.
For freight or passage apply to
FORD, ADAMS, and CO., Circular Quay.

FOR FREIGHT or CHARTER, the ketch Victor; will carry about 60 tons. R. H. [illegible], 125, Sussex-st.

ILLAWARRA S. N. CO.'S STEAMERS.—TO WOLLONGONG.—To-night, and Monday night, at 11.
KIAMA.—To-night, and Monday night, at 11.
SHOALHAVEN.—To-night, and Tuesday night, at 11.
ULLADULLA and CLYDE.—To-day, at 6 p.m.
MORUYA.—To-day, at 6 p.m.
MERIMBULA and EDEN.—Tuesday, 9.15 a.m.
RETURN TICKETS issued at SINGLE FARES to any of the above ports. No charge for meals on board.

ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR EXCURSIONS.
Return tickets at SINGLE FARES for both cabin and steerage passengers will be issued by the various steamers of this Company, available to the 5th January, 1875.
For hours of starting, see daily advertisement.

PARRAMATTA RIVER STEAMERS.—CHEAP EXCURSIONS.
Fifteen Miles for One Shilling. Return, 1s 6d; children, return, 6d.
BOXING-DAY.
The EMU, PELICAN, and ADELAIDE will ply from King-street at 7, 9.20, 11 a.m.; 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11 p.m.; from Parramatta at 7, 9, 11 a.m.; 1, 3, 5, 7 p.m.
calling at
Balmain, Biloela, Hunter's Hill, Gladesville, Ryde, Ermington, Newington, Parramatta.
Fares to Hunter's Hill:—1st class, 9d; return, 1s. 2nd class, 6d; return, 9d.
N.B.—Fine enclosed grass paddocks, with shade and water for Picnic Parties (free to passengers by steamer), adjoin the new wharf at Parramatta.
Omnibuses attend the steamers to convey passengers to and from the steamers and Parramatta Park; fare, 3d.

HUNTER'S HILL and LANE COVE FERRY.—Steamer WOMBRAH leaves—
Lime-street Wharf, 9, 11, 1, 3, 5.5, 7
Lane Cove, 8, 10, 12, 2, 4, 6.
SATURDAY—Lime-street Wharf, 1.15 and 11.15 p.m.
Lane Cove, 10 p.m.
SUNDAY—Lime-street Wharf, 10, 2.30, 6.
Lane Cove, 9, 1, 5.

MANLY BEACH STEAMER ON SUNDAY, from Queen's Wharf, 10.15, 2.30; Woolloomooloo, 10.30, 2.45; Manly Beach, 12, 5. Fare—Return tickets, 1s.
THOMAS HESELTON.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EXCURSIONS TO and FROM NEWCASTLE.
SPECIAL NOTICE.
In return for the liberal patronage afforded the steamship KEMBLA by the travelling public since she commenced running, the proprietor has determined to offer every facility to parties visiting the Hunter River district during the holidays.
RETURN TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR 21 DAYS.
The SPLENDID STEAMSHIP KEMBLA,
G. Budd, commander,
renowned for her great speed and easy motion at sea.
FARES.
Return Tickets, Saloon, 10s
Ditto, Steerage, 5s.
Return tickets available by any trip of this steamer from THURSDAY, 17th December, 1874, until THURSDAY, 7th January, 1875, inclusive.
C. J. STEVENS, Proprietor.
Agent for Sydney, P. MACGREGOR, Patent Slip Wharf.
Agent for Newcastle, H. F. CROSS.
For hours of starting see general advertisement.

STEAM TO NEWCASTLE.—STEAMSHIP KEMBLA, G. Budd, commander.
This favourite steamer, renowned for her great speed and easy motion at sea, plies as follows:—
FROM SYDNEY (PATENT SLIP WHARF),
between King and Erskine streets,
Every TUESDAY MORNING, at 9.
" WEDNESDAY MORNING, at 9.
" THURSDAY MORNING, at 9.
" FRIDAY MORNING, at 9.
" SATURDAY MORNING, at 9.
FROM NEWCASTLE.
On the SAME NIGHTS, at 11.
Fares, as REDUCED, by this steamer.
Saloon, 12s 6d. Steerage, 7s 6d.
Return tickets, available for 14 days,
Saloon, 20s. Steerage, 12s 6d.
Cargo received and stored daily, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
For freight arrangements apply to
C. J. STEVENS, Proprietor;
or P. MACGREGOR, Agent.
Offices, Patent Slip Wharf.

THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
NOTICE.
THIS DAY, Saturday, being a PUBLIC HOLIDAY, no cargo will be received, and only LIVE STOCK and PERISHABLE GOODS will be delivered.
FREDK. H. TROUTON, Manager.

THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMSHIPS.
TO SAN FRANCISCO, via AUCKLAND and HONOLULU.—City of Melbourne, Saturday, 16th January, at noon.
TO HONOLULU, via AUCKLAND.—City of Melbourne, Saturday, 16th January, at noon.
TO AUCKLAND.—City of Melbourne, Saturday, 16th January, at noon.
TO FIJI via NEW CALEDONIA.—Wentworth, on or about Tuesday, 12th January, at 4.30 p.m.
TO MELBOURNE.—Wentworth, Tuesday afternoon, at 4.30. FARES: Saloon, at current rates.
TO NEWCASTLE, RAYMOND TERRACE, and MORPETH.—Coonanbara, to-night, Saturday, at 11; and Collaroy, Monday night, at 11.
TO BRISBANE.—Lady Young, Monday afternoon, at 5.
TO MARYBOROUGH.—James Paterson, on or about Tuesday afternoon, at 5.
TO ROCKHAMPTON.—Balclutha, Wednesday afternoon, at 5.
TO PORT DENISON.—Florence Irving, on or about Tuesday, 12th January, at 5 p.m.
TO CLEVELAND BAY.—Florence Irving, on or about Tuesday, 12th January, at 5 p.m.
TO COOKTOWN (ENDEAVOUR RIVER).—Florence Irving, on or about Tuesday, 12th January, at 5 p.m.
CARGO is now being received for transmission to any of the above ports.
FREDK. H. TROUTON, Manager.

STEAM TO AND FROM NEWCASTLE.—During the Christmas and New Year Holidays, the A. S. N. Company will issue
EXCURSION TICKETS
from Sydney to Newcastle, and vice versa,
AT A SINGLE FARE FOR THE DOUBLE JOURNEY,
viz.,
Saloon—Return ticket .. 10s
Steerage—Return ticket .. 5s.
Available by any of this Company's steamers from the 19th December, until Thursday, the 9th January, 1875.
The COLLAROY will leave here on New Year's Eve, and the
MAGNIFICENT STEAMSHIP
COONANBARA, W. Adams, commander,
will return from Newcastle on New Year's Eve on arrival of the special night train, instead of New Year's morning.
FREDK. H. TROUTON, Manager.

STEAM TO COOKTOWN (Endeavour River), via PORT DENISON and CLEVELAND BAY.
The A. S. N. Co.'s steamship
FLORENCE IRVING, 1090 tons,
R. M. PHILLIPS, commander,
will be dispatched for the above ports, via Brisbane, on or about TUESDAY, 12th January, 1875. Intending passengers and shippers of horses and stock are invited to inspect her superior and well-ventilated accommodation.
For all information connected with the above, apply at this office.
FREDK. H. TROUTON, Manager.

STEAM TO LEVUKA, FIJI, CALLING AT NEW CALEDONIA.
NOTICE.
The A. S. N. CO., having arranged to open steam communication with the NEW COLONY OF FIJI, will dispatch their magnificent steamship
WENTWORTH
to Levuka and Noumea, on or about TUESDAY, 12th January, at 4.30 p.m.
For particulars as to freight, passage, and all information connected with the above, apply at this office.
FREDK. H. TROUTON, Manager.
A. S. N. Co.'s Office, Sydney,
23rd December, 1874.

STEAM TO MELBOURNE.—The undersigned intends despatching the steamers
YOU YANGS, or DANDENONG,
every Friday;
MACEDON, or BARRABOOL,
every Tuesday.
Return tickets (saloon) are issued, available for two months by either steamer.
The steamers will leave Melbourne for Sydney also every Tuesday and Friday.
WM. HOWARD SMITH,
Struth's Wharf.

STEAM TO MELBOURNE.—The Melbourne Steamship Company will despatch the
BARRABOOL, 1100 tons,
John Pain, commander,
on TUESDAY, December 29, at 12 noon.
For freight, passage, and all particulars apply to
WM. HOWARD SMITH, Struth's Wharf,
foot of King-street.

STEAM TO NEWCASTLE.—The
S. S. BARRABOOL,
THIS DAY, Saturday, December 26, at 8 p.m.;
and DANDENONG,
on MONDAY, December 28, at 6 p.m.
FARES—Saloon, 7s 6d; steerage, 3s 6d.
WM. HOWARD SMITH, Struth's Wharf.

STEAM TO NEWCASTLE.—The
S. S. BARRABOOL,
on SATURDAY, December 26, at 8 p.m.
FARES—Saloon, 7s 6d; steerage, 3s 6d.
WM. HOWARD SMITH, Struth's Wharf.

STEAM TO NEW ZEALAND.—Messrs. M'Meckan, Blackwood, and Co.'s line of steamers will be dispatched from MELBOURNE as follows:—
OMEO, about 30th instant, via BLUFF.
TARARUA, 6th January, via HOKITIKA.
Through tickets to and from all New Zealand ports issued by the undersigned.
For rates of passage, freight, and any information apply to JOSEPH WARD and CO., Exchange-buildings.

STEAM TO HOBART TOWN, calling at EDEN, TWOFOLD BAY.—Steamship CITY OF HOBART, from Grafton Wharf, on TUESDAY, 5th JANUARY, at 9 a.m.
Saloon, £6 6s.; Return ticket (available four months), £10 10s.; steerage, £3 10s.
T. and W. WILLIS, 100, Pitt-street.

STEAM TO LONDON DIRECT FROM SYDNEY.
The magnificent new and full-powered steamship
WHAMPOA.
Classed 100 A1 at Lloyd's,
3835 tons register—600 horse-power nominal,
J. C. JAQUES, Commander,
will be dispatched from
SYDNEY DIRECT TO LONDON,
about the middle of MARCH 1875.
This noble vessel is, without exception, the largest and finest steamship ever dispatched to Australia, and is expected to make the voyage in
48 DAYS,
and being the Pioneer of a direct LINE of STEAM COMMUNICATION between SYDNEY and LONDON the attention of passengers and shippers is particularly directed to the favourable opportunity now presented.
For rates of freight, passage and other particulars, apply to
JOHN FRAZER and CO.

FOR LONDON.—The following first-class clipper ships will be dispatched by the undersigned during the ensuing wool season:

	Tons.	Commander.	To sail.
THE TWEED	1745	Stuart	Jan.
JOHN DUTHIE	1031	Levis	Jan.
WILLIAM DUTHIE	968	Davidson	Jan.
NYASSA	1800	Garrick	Feb.
GLENGAIRN	896	Fimister	March.

To be followed by other first-class ships. Apply to
DANGAR, GEDYE, and CO.

FOR LONDON, sailing positively JANUARY 6, for Passengers only.
The magnificent A1 teak-built clipper ship
THE TWEED,
1745 tons, Wm. Stuart, commander,
having the whole of her cargo engaged, will sail as above.
Saloon passengers are invited to inspect the very superior accommodation of this fine ship.
A few state rooms with bathrooms adjoining, are still disengaged.
A limited number of second-class berths are open for engagement.
An experienced SURGEON accompanies the ship.
For terms, &c., apply to Captain STUART, on board, at Circular Quay; or to DANGAR, GEDYE, and CO., Macquarie-place.

FOR LONDON.—To follow the Tweed.—The A1 Aberdeen clipper ship
JOHN DUTHIE,
1031 tons register,
Alexander Levis, commander,
having the whole of her dead weight engaged and a portion of her wool in store will have quick dispatch.
Passengers are invited to inspect her superior saloon accommodation.
For terms, &c., apply to Captain, on board; or to
DANGAR, GEDYE, and CO.
Wool received at Flood's.

FOR LONDON.—The clipper ship
TAUNTON,
A1, 16 years, 488 tons register,
J. M. Cochrane, commander.
This fine vessel will have quick dispatch.
For freight or passage, apply to the Captain on board; or to
SMITH, BROTHERS, and CO., 14, Macquarie-place.
Wool received at Flood's.

FOR LONDON.—SHAW, SAVILL, and CO.'S Line of Packets.—The iron clipper ship
ZEALANDIA,
1116 tons register, 100 A1 at Lloyds,
Geo. Sellars, commander,
will be dispatched as above, for the May Sales, and having a large portion of her cargo engaged, shippers can rely on quick dispatch.
This magnificent vessel has superior accommodation for passengers in saloon and second cabin, and is now open for the most rigid inspection.
For freight or passage apply to Captain Sellars, on board, Circular Quay; or to
WM. LAIDLEY and CO., Exchange, Agents.
Wool received at Marsden's Stores.
N.B.—Should sufficient number of passengers book by this ship, an experienced Surgeon will accompany same. A milch cow will also be provided.

FOR LONDON.—The TYBURNIA,
948 tons register,
will have quick dispatch.
For freight or passage, apply to Captain GOLDER, on board, at Cosmopolitan Wharf; or to
GEO. A. LLOYD and CO., Agents.
Wool received at J. C. Lloyd and Co.'s Stores.

FOR LONDON.
NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.
The PARRAMATTA will be dispatched on the 15th February.
Has accommodation for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class passengers.
Apply on board to Captain GODDARD; or to
GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO.

FOR LONDON.—The undermentioned first-class clipper ships will be dispatched in the following order during the ensuing wool season:—

	Tons.	Commander.	To sail.
SIR JOHN LAWRENCE	878	Fernie	December
BRUCKLAY CASTLE	1014	Dixon	January
AGNES ROSE	991	Moir	January
PARRAMATTA	1521	Goddard	February
CAIRNBULG	1566	Birnie	March
WINDSOR CASTLE	979	Purves	March

To be followed by other first-class vessels.
These ships being regular traders, their passenger accommodation is well known, and they offer unusual advantages to intending passengers.
For rates of freight, passage, and all other information, apply to
GILCHRIST WATT and CO.

STEAM TO LONDON.
ORIENT LINE OF STEAMERS.
The new full-powered screw steamship
ST. OSYTH,
(classed 100 A1 at Lloyd's),
3600 tons register,
500-horse power nominal, 2500 indicated,
R. M'NABB, Commander,
will be dispatched from
SANDRIDGE RAILWAY PIER, MELBOURNE,
about the end of January, 1875.
This magnificent vessel is the most powerful steamship ever dispatched to Australia, and is expected to make the voyage in
45 DAYS.
The accommodation for all classes of passengers is unsurpassed. The cabins are well ventilated, provided with furniture, bedding, linen, &c.
The saloon is the whole breadth of the ship, and there are a ladies' saloon, bathrooms, smoking-room, ice-house, &c.
An experienced surgeon will accompany the ship.
A most liberal table will be kept—well-supplied with fresh provisions.
For rates of passage and other particulars apply to
GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO.

ABERDEEN CLIPPER LINE.—For LONDON.—The following first-class vessels, making an average passage of 80 days, will be dispatched on or about the following dates:—

	Tons.	Commander.	
DAMASCUS	964	Ross	Dec.
SAMUEL PLIMSOLL	1444	Boaden	Jan.
NINEVEH	1174	Barnet	Feb.
AVIEMORE	1091	Ayling	Feb.
WAVE OF LIFE	887	Watt	March

To be followed by other first-class vessels.
Apply to MONTEFIORE, JOSEPH, and CO., O'Connell-street.

BELLINGER RIVER.—CONFIDENCE, on Tuesday Morning. Freight or passage Hoddam's Wharf.

ABERDEEN CLIPPER LINE.—For LONDON.—The A1 Aberdeen clipper ship
SAMUEL PLIMSOLL,
1444 tons register, R. Boaden, commander, will sail 10th February.
For freight apply to Captain BOADEN; or to
MONTEFIORE, JOSEPH, and CO.

ABERDEEN CLIPPER LINE.—For LONDON.—The A1 Aberdeen clipper ship
DAMASCUS,
964 tons register, John Ross, commander, having a large portion of her wool down and on board, will sail in all December.
For freight or passage apply to Captain ROSS; or to
MONTEFIORE, JOSEPH, and CO.
Wool received at Talbot's.

MESSRS. MONEY WIGRAM and SONS' (of Blackwall Yard, London) LINE of STEAM and SAILING PACKETS, comprising the steamships Northumberland (new), Somersetshire, and Durham (new), and the following splendid clipper ships, which have been built and fitted expressly for the Australian passenger trade:—Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Norfolk, True Briton, Essex, Hampshire (new), &c.

Ship.	Commander.	To Sail.
		1875.
LINCOLNSHIRE	E. Daves	Jan. 2.
YORKSHIRE	G. F. Gibbs	Jan. 30.
S.S. SOMERSETSHIRE, via Cape of Good Hope	H. F. Holt	Feb. 13.
NORFOLK	A. Parham	Feb. 28.
S.S. DURHAM	F. Anderson	April 14.
TRUE BRITON	G. M. Mekr..	May 1.
S.S. NORTHUMBERLAND	H. H. Skinner	June 9.

Their accommodations for all classes of passengers are unsurpassed, and they will each carry an experienced surgeon. The SALOON CABINS are fitted with the necessary fixed CABIN FURNITURE.
PASSAGE ORDERS are issued to persons desirous of sending for their friends from home. Passage money, £16 and upwards. A liberal allowance to families. Return tickets are granted at reduced rates.
For all particulars apply to M. METCALFE and CO., 9, Bridge-street.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS FOR ENGLAND.
STEAM TO LONDON UNDER 60 DAYS.
VIA CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.
Messrs. MONEY WIGRAM and SON'S magnificent clipper steamship
SOMERSETSHIRE,
2342 tons register, 300 horse power nominal (1500 indicated) H. F. Holt, commander, will be dispatched from MELBOURNE, for LONDON (via CAPE OF GOOD HOPE), on
TUESDAY, 13th February.
The passenger accommodation of this favourite steamship are unsurpassed. The Saloon Cabins are provided with all necessary furniture, bedding, linen, &c., &c. Second and third class Cabins are unusually roomy and comfortable, and a most liberal dietary scale is provided.
FARES.
Saloon .... £55 to £70
Second-class .... £27 to £30
Third-class .... £18 to £22
Steerage £16
A liberal allowance made for families.
For plans of cabins, dietary scales, &c., and all particulars, apply to
M. METCALFE and CO.,
9, Bridge-street.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS FOR ENGLAND.—Messrs. MONEY WIGRAM and SONS' magnificent clipper ship
LINCOLNSHIRE,
1200 tons, Edwin Daves, commander, will be dispatched from Melbourne for London, on SATURDAY, 2nd January, carrying saloon, third class, and steerage passengers only, for which she has unrivalled accommodation.
FARES:
Saloon (according to accommodation required)
Third class, £18 to £20
Steerage, £16.
A liberal allowance made to families.
M. METCALFE and CO., 9, Bridge-street.

WESTERN STAR, for LEVUKA and TAVIUNI.—Shippers will please complete SHIPMENTS and send in BILLS OF LADING for signature on MONDAY, 28th instant. RABONE, FEEZ, and CO.

FOR NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA.—The favourite clipper schooner
NOUMEA,
Captain J. Scaplehorn,
is now loading at the Grafton Wharf, and having the greater portion of her cargo engaged will sail on or about THURSDAY next.
For freight or passage, apply to
MEYERFELD and CO.,
12, Macquarie-place.

FOR NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA.—The fine clipper brig
SEA NYMPH,
having the greater portion of her cargo engaged, will meet with quick dispatch.
For freight or passage apply to MONTEFIORE and MONTEFIORE, 5, Gresham-street.

FOR PORT MACKAY DIRECT.—The clipper schooner MARY WADLEY, 246 tons, Captain Wadley, being under charter, will sail in a few days.
For light freight or passage apply to R. T. GIBSON, Agent, Bell's-chambers, Pitt-street.

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WILL the Person who picked up the PARACHUTES in Buckland-street, Waterloo, be kind enough to return them to Mrs. RALPH, Raglan-street, Waterloo. He will be rewarded.

MEETINGS.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DIVISION Daughters of Temperance.—Quarterly MEETING on MONDAY, 28th December, usual place. Election of officers and other important business. By order of the W.P. ELLEN WATT, R. S.

THE Presbyterian Ministerial Association meets on Tuesday in Pitt-street schoolroom, at 10. A. M. Tait.

MEETINGS OF PUBLIC COMPANIES

ANCIENT BRITON TIN MINING COMPANY (Limited).
The Half-yearly General MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Offices, 326, George-street, Sydney, on TUESDAY, 29th December instant, at 3.30 p.m., to receive Directors' Report and Balance-sheet, and to transact any other business brought before the meeting in accordance with the Deed of Settlement.
By order of the Board.
MAC DONNELL, BROTHERS, for the Managers.
Sydney, 7th December, 1874.

RELIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

YORK-STREET Wesleyan Church.—To-morrow Rev. G. Woolnough, M.A., 11; Rev. J. H. Fletcher, 7.

ANNUAL WEEK OF UNITED PRAYER, January, 1875.
In compliance with an invitation from the Evangelical Alliance, the following MEETING will be held in Sydney, during the week, commencing MONDAY, January 4th. Each meeting, except the last, will commence at half-past 7.
MONDAY, January 4th, York-street Wesleyan Church.—Rev. H. WOOLNOUGH to preside. Rev. A. W. WEBB to address. Subject: "Thanksgiving and Confession—Review of the Past—Prayer for Grace to express gratitude in the life—Humiliation for Sin—Prayer for Mercy and Power to overcome temptation."
TUESDAY, January 5th, St. Barnabas Schoolroom.—Rev. J. BARNIER to preside. Rev. Dr. STEEL to address. Subject: "Prayer for Religious Revival throughout the world—For Increase of Zeal, Spirituality and Devotedness in the Churches, and for a clearer witness for the truth among them."
WEDNESDAY, January 6th, Bathurst-street Baptist Church.—Rev. A. BURDETT to preside. Rev. J. A. COWIE to address. Subject: "Prayer for Home Objects, on children at home, in business, and abroad—For Universities and Colleges, for the Christian Ministry for Sunday-schools."
THURSDAY, January 7, St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church.—Rev. Dr. STEEL to preside. Rev. J. BARNIER to address. Subject: "Prayer for Foreign and Missionary objects—For the extension of Religious Liberty and the Prevalence of Peace throughout the world—For the increase of Sympathy and Service amongst Christians of all lands—The subordination of Commerce and Science to the spread of Christ's kingdom—For the Conversion of the House of Israel—And for the Spread of the Gospel in heathen lands."
FRIDAY, January 8, Pitt-street Congregational Church.—A United Communion Service will be held commencing at 7. The Rev. J. H. FLETCHER (President of the Wesleyan Conference) will preach. The Rev. J. GRAHAM will preside and address communicants. Pastors and Communicants of Christian Churches in the city and suburbs are cordially invited to this service. A collection will be taken to defray expenses, any surplus of which will be given to the City Mission.
ROBERT STEEL, ALLAN W. WEBB, } Joint Hon. Secretaries.

REV. W. HUGHES will (D.V.) preach in Welsh To-morrow, 7 p.m., St. Andrew's Schoolroom, Kent-st.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Waterloo.—SERVICE, to-morrow evening, at 7, Foresters' Hall.

ASHFIELD.—Open air SERVICE, next to Mr. Larkin's store, on SUNDAY AFTERNOON, at half-past 3 o'clock. The Rev. W. BRADLEY will preach. All are cordially invited.

ST. JAMES'S, SYDNEY.—As there will be a few Sittings in the body of the Church vacant at the close of the year, the Wardens will be happy to receive applications for the same. Address St. James's Vestry.
FRANK SENIOR, HENRY WILLIAMS, W. C. WILLMAN, } Churchwardens.

N. S. WALES BUSH MISSIONARY SOCIETY. The Committee of this Society purpose employing a fourth Missionary, and are now advertising for applicants. This will necessitate an immediate outlay of about £80 for waggon, horses, &c., to provide which special contributions will be thankfully received by
JOHN MILLS, Treasurer, 715, George-street.
JOSEPH PALMER, E. G. W. PALMER, } Secretaries, 183, Pitt-street.

PITT-STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—NEW YEAR'S EVE.—A SERVICE of THANKSGIVING and PRAYER will be held on THURSDAY EVENING next, to commence at half-past 10 o'clock. The Rev. JOHN GRAHAM will preside. Strangers and others are affectionately invited to attend.

UNITARIAN CHURCH, SYDNEY.
Minister....Rev. JAMES PILLARS, B.A.
The SUNDAY SERVICES, as formerly conducted in Macquarie-street Church by the Rev. J. PILLARS, will, until further notice, be held in the OLD TEMPERANCE HALL, Pitt-street, at 11 and 7. SUNDAY SCHOOL at 3 o'clock. TO-MORROW EVENING:—
"THE LAST OF THE YEAR."

GLEBE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Rev. ANDREW GARDINER, M.A., will preach in the large room of the University Hotel, TO-MORROW MORNING, at 11, and EVENING, at 7 o'clock.

SYDNEY OPEN-AIR MISSION SERVICES, THIS AFTERNOON, Hyde Park, at 3 and 7 o'clock.

NEW CHURCH SOCIETY.—Rose Hill-street, Redfern. Services at 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. every Sunday.

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WANTED to Rent, a HOUSE of 8 rooms, for a term. Apply to Mr. E. Saber, 502, George-street.

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WANTED, for a lady and gentleman, a balcony BEDROOM, with board, near the Park, terms must be moderate. Address Board, HERALD Office.

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HOUSE, 7 rooms, front and back balcony; extensive view; Glenmore Road, Paddington. D. Beard.

HOUSES to LET.—Residence—Darlinghurst, North Shore, Newtown, Double Bay. Particulars, R. F. Stubbs and Co.

NORTH SHORE.—Furnished HOUSE, Milson's Point, 3 or 6 months. Mr. Deacon.

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SUTTON FOREST.—To LET or for SALE, that commodious RESIDENCE, Oak Villa, containing 12 rooms, kitchen, stabling, coach-house, and 50 acres of land, delightfully situated about three miles from the Railway Station, suitable for a gentleman's Country Residence, or a Family Boarding House. The house is partially furnished; and the furniture, if desired, can be taken at a valuation. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Pitt-st.

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TO LET, PREMISES, 253, George-street, vacated by E. Zuccani. Chas. Moore and Co., 167, Pitt-street.

TO LET, SHOP, corner of Pitt and Buckland streets, Waterloo. J. Hodgson, 585, Brickfield-hill.

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TO LET, partly furnished or not, HOUSE, 4 rooms, kitchen, water. Cross Guns Hotel, Paddington.

TO LET, Newtown, SHOP, Dwelling-house, 5 rooms, manufacturing premises, well, stabling; back lane, 120 feet depth; newly repaired. Inquire Mr. Gray, next door Kidd and Kelly's bakery, near Toll-bar.

TO LET, WOOLLAHRA, Piper-street, opposite Riviere House, those two comfortable 8-room Houses, COMPTON VILLAS; rent, £80. Apply Raynes, Treeve, and Co., Mort's Rooms, Pitt-street.

TO LET, genteel RESIDENCE, twenty miles from Sydney, two minutes' walk from station, 8 rooms, balcony back and front, extensive view; stable, coach-house, orchard, 10-acre paddock; rent, £52. Apply F. K. Olliver, Liverpool.

TO LET (on the 1st of February, 1875), the COTTAGE, occupied by Mr. Pollard, in Macleay-street, 8 rooms, bath room, gas and water; stable and coach-house; rent, £120 a year. Apply J. F. Hilly, 138, Pitt-street.

TO LET or for SALE, ST. JOHN'S LODGE, Macquarie-street, Parramatta, near St. John's Church; 7 rooms, kitchen, laundry, store, servants' rooms, bath-room, stable, coach-house, and well-stocked garden; horse and cow paddocks, abundance of good water. Ready for immediate occupation. Apply to Bowden, Mills, and Gordon.

TO LET, for a term of two or more years, KELLY'S POST OFFICE HOTEL. This is unquestionably the best hotel in the thriving town of Parkes; stock and furniture to be taken at valuation. The above offers a sure and speedy fortune to a steady business man. Apply to J. O. Hume, agent, Parkes; or to Moss and Co., 141, King-street, Sydney.

TO BE LET, FAIRLIGHT, Manly, late the residence of H. G. Smith, Esq. The house contains 14 apartments, servants' rooms, bathroom, coachhouse, stable, garden, &c., together with 23 acres of securely-fenced paddock, with never-failing supply of pure water; immediate possession. For further particulars apply to Mr. J. B. Smithers, Manly; or to J. R. Street, 30, O'Connell-street, Sydney.

TO LET, for a term, ELIZABETH FARM, PARRAMATTA, recently in the occupation of the late Hon. THOMAS ICELY; 900 acres of land, about half is cleared, and well watered, the rest is bush grazing land, with A LARGE FRONTAGE to the PARRAMATTA RIVER on the N., and the Sydney Road on the S., close to "the Junction." There is A COMMODIOUS FAMILY RESIDENCE with extensive outhouse accommodation.
The Steamer's Wharf is on the property, and a small portion of the land is inside the town boundary. To persons requiring a dairy, grazing, or stud farm, this is a fine chance, being so close to Sydney.
RENT, £300 per annum, a large portion of which could be recouped by subletting the paddocks.
Apply J. Y. MILLS, Parramatta.

TO BE LET.
NORTH SHORE.—Cottage, water frontage, Neutral Bay, 5 rooms, and grounds. 20s per week.
FOR SALE.
NORTH SHORE, near Milson's Point.—Allotments, 160 and 180 feet deep, 50s per foot
NORTH SHORE, near the Reserve.—Allotments, 30s per foot
PETERSHAM, near the Council Chambers, and fronting Crystal-street.—A fenced allotment, 40s per foot
PETERSHAM, near the Congregational Church.—An allotment, 108 feet deep, 40s per foot
PETERSHAM, near the Railway line.—Fine allotment, 165 feet deep, 20s per foot
PETERSHAM.—The Lewisham Estate. Allotments, fronting roads, 70 feet wide, 20s per foot
PETERSHAM, near the Parramatta Road.—Allotments, 7s per foot
NEWTOWN.—Cheap Allotments, near Australia-street.
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WAVERLEY.—To LET, BEN EDEN, a family Mansion, consisting of 10 rooms, besides bath-room and closet, servants' room, 2 kitchens, larder, dairy, storeroom, butler's pantry, cellar, &c.; 3-stall stable, coach-house, harness room, fowl-houses, &c.; plentiful supply of water, and gas laid on. Also, garden well stocked with fruit-trees, vegetables, &c., containing in all about 2½ acres. In addition may be rented Cottage of 3 rooms and 3 acres of grass land. On view any day from 2 to 5 p.m. J. Campbell.

GEORGE-STREET.—Spacious OFFICES to LET, in Lloyd's-chambers. G. A. Lloyd and Co., 362.

TO LET, with possession from the 1st January next, No. 287, George-street, at present occupied by Messrs. Long and Co.; STORE, in Wynyard-lane, now occupied by Messrs. Moses Moss and Co. Apply to J. F. Hilly, Pitt-street; or to James Milson, Box 345, Post Office.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

NOTICE UNDER REAL PROPERTY ACT.—Applications having been made to bring the Land hereunder described under the provisions of the Real Property Act, Certificates of Indefeasible Title will issue unless Caveats be lodged in Form B of the said Act on or before the date named opposite each case respectively.

Property.	Names of Applicants.	Residences.	Dates up to and inclusive of which Caveats may be lodged.
			1874.
No. 3588. Burwood Estate, 3 acres 4¼ perches: Bounded on south by Want-place, 264 feet; east by Conder-street, 500 feet; north by Ogilvie-place, 264 feet; and west by Stanley-street, 500 feet—being the whole of section 10 of O'Connell's subdivision of part of the above estate. Also, 1 acre 1½ perch: Bounded on south by Want-place, 132 feet; west by Conder-street, 333 feet; north by Hannah-street, 132 feet; and east by land of C. H. Humphrey, 333 feet—being part of lot 4 and lots 5 to 10 inclusive of section 9 of said subdivision.	George King and Samuel A. Joseph	Sydney	December 31.
No. 3606. County of Northumberland, 65 acres 1 rood, portion 33 in the parish of Stockrington, granted to Thomas Ahern.	James Price and Ann Price	Maitland	December 31.
No. 3626. Town of Norwood, Petersham, 2 acres, lots 1 to 18 inclusive of section 10, having a frontage of 378 feet to New Cook's River Road; 234 feet to Addison Road and 384 feet to Audley-street. Also, 1 rood 32 perches, being lots 4, 5, 6, 10, and 11, of section 3, having a frontage of 194 feet to St. James-street and 101 feet to Albert-street.	Abraham Davy	Narellan	December 31.
No. 3684. City of Sydney, 20 perches at the intersection of Clarence and King streets: Bounded on the east by Clarence-street, 69 feet; south by premises of W. Speer, 97 feet; west by land of R. Brindley, 52 feet; north and again east by the premises of R. Want easterly, 68 feet; and northerly, 16 feet 6 inches; and again north by King-street, 28 feet—being part of lot 1, section 28, in the occupation of applicant and Mr. Lovelock, grocer.	Wm. Hy. Aiken	Sydney	December 31.
No. 3820. Gladesville, parish Hunter's Hill, 6 acres; bounded on west by Norton-street, 552 links; south-west by land of D. Cashman, 1119 links; east by the property of C. Blaxland, 533 links; and north-west by Dr. Brereton's land, 1197 links,—being lot 8 and part of 7 of section 8 of the Grove Estate.	The Hon. James Squire Farnell	Ryde	December 31.
			1875.
No. 3785. City of Sydney, Woolloomooloo, 9¾ perches: Bounded on the north by William-street, 29 feet 11 inches; east by premises of John Fraser, 90 feet; south by Yurong-lane, 31 feet; and west by land of Mr. Skinner, 90 feet,—being part of block A14, of the Riley Estate. Also, 15 perches: Bounded on the east by Riley-street, 32 feet; south by the premises of Mr. Pigott, 131 feet 7 inches; west by a lane, 31 feet 10 inches; and north by the property of C. Cooney, 123 feet 9 inches,—being also part of said block.	John Fraser	Sydney	January 14
No. 3486. City of Sydney, 34 perches: Commencing 61 feet 4 inches from King-street; and bounded on the east by York-street, 88 feet; south by the premises of C. Enderby, 108 feet; west by land of G. W. Allen, 84 feet; and north by property of I. J. Josephson, 108 feet,—being allotment 13 and part of 14 of section 27.	Alexr. M'Arthur	England	February 4.
No. 3691. County Macquarie, 15 acres on Macleay River, portion 18, in parish of Arakoon, granted to James Thompson.	Eliza Thompson	West Kempsey	February 4.
No. 3754. Town of Dubbo, 1 acre, allotments 6 and 7 of section 10, granted to Donald M'Vicar.	Harry Spilsbury	Black Rock	February 4.
No. 3765. Surry Hills, 5¼ perches at the junction of Sophia and Riley streets, having a frontage of 17 feet to the latter street and 90 feet to Sophia-street,—being part of block G20 of Riley Estate.	Fergus Mills	Surry Hills	February 4.
No. 3574. Five Dock, parish Concord, 28 acres: Bounded on the west by Great North Road, 12 chains; north by land of Mr. Budd, 2425 links; east by a road 33 feet wide, 1475 links; and south by Five Dock Road, 1929 links,—being lots 87 and 89 of the Five Dock Estate.	Saml. H. Smyth	Sydney	March 3.

A Diagram delineating these lands may be inspected at the Registrar-General's Office, in Elizabeth-street, Sydney. Dated this 23rd day of December, 1874, at the Registrar-General's Office, Sydney.

R. G. WARD, Registrar-General.

SPECIAL NOTICE UNDER REAL PROPERTY ACT.—Applications having been made, under section 79 of the Real Property Act, by the undermentioned, to be registered as "Proprietors by Transmission" of the Land hereunder described, such applications will be complied with, and Certificates of Title issued in accordance therewith, unless Caveats be lodged on or before the date hereunder notified.

Property.	Names and residences of Applicants.	Title, how claimed.	Date up to and inclusive of which Caveats may be lodged.
			1874.
No. CCCXXV. Town and parish of Wentworth, allotment 2 and part of allotment 3 of section 23.	Anne Felgate, Robt. Felgate, and Wm. L. Richardson, of Wentworth.	Devisees of the will of Ebenezer Felgate.	December 31.
No. CCCXLI. County of Wynyard, near Coorabird, 161 acres.	Mary Ann Gurney, of Coorabyra.	Residuary devisee of the will of Thomas Gurney.	December 31.
			1875.
No. CCCXII. County of Harden, and town and parish of Cootamundry, 2 roods, part of section 32.	John Dacey, of Nubba Nubba.	Devisee of the will of Catherine Dacey.	January 7.
No. CCXCIX. County of Wellington, and parish of Broombie, 40 acres, portion 42 (an undivided moiety of).	Jane Thorley, of Singleton.	Administratrix of the estate of Isabella Cressing.	January 7.
No. CCCXLVIII. County of Bathurst, and village of Blayney, allotments 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9, of section No. 3.	Elizabeth Pittman, of Blayney.	Devisee of the will of Willmott J. Pittman, deceased.	January 14.

Diagrams delineating these lands may be inspected at the Registrar-General's Office, in Elizabeth-street, Sydney. Dated this 10th day of December, 1874, at the Registrar-General's Office, Sydney.

R. G. WARD, Registrar-General.

Department of Public Works, Railway Branch, Sydney, 19th December, 1874.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

HAWKESBURY RACES.

SATURDAY, 26th December, 1874.

The following arrangements have been made for conveying the public to and from the Racecourse:—

A Special Train will leave Redfern for the Racecourse at 8.15 a.m., calling at Parramatta and Blacktown only.

The ordinary Train which leaves at 9 a.m. will call at Parramatta, Seven Hills, Blacktown, and all stations on the Richmond line.

A second Special will leave Redfern at 10.20, calling at Parramatta to pick up suburban passengers.

Fares for double journey as follows:—

By the 8.15 a.m. train—Sydney 3s 6d
Parramatta 2s 6d
Second-class carriages only.

By the 9 a.m. train—ordinary. Single fare, second-class carriages only. To the platform.

By the 10.20 a.m.—Sydney, Newtown, Petersham 4s 0d

Other suburban stations, Parramatta inclusive. Second-class carriages only 3s 6d

Passengers from Suburban Stations must proceed to Parramatta by the train leaving Redfern at 9.30 a.m.

A Special Express Train will leave Redfern at 11.30 a.m. First-class carriages only. Fares, 16s.

Tickets for this train can be obtained at the Redfern Station, on Wednesday and Thursday next, and the number issued will be limited to the means of accommodation.

Trains will return from the Course after the last race.

JOHN RAE, Commissioner for Railways.

N.B.—The public are advised to avail themselves of the 8.15 a.m. Special Train, to prevent possible disappointment.

GREAT SOUTHERN, WESTERN, AND RICHMOND RAILWAYS.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY.

EXCURSION TICKETS at a single fare for the double journey will be issued at all stations for distances over 15 miles, from the 23rd to 26th December, and upon the 31st December, and 1st January, 1875, available for return for 14 days, including day of issue.

For distances under 15 miles similar tickets will be issued upon the 24th, 25th, 26th, and 31st December, and the 1st January, 1875, available for return for two days, including day of issue.

JOHN RAE, Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Public Works, Railway Branch, Sydney, 3rd December, 1874.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

GREAT SOUTHERN, WESTERN, and RICHMOND RAILWAYS.

In consequence of the Excursion Trains which are to be run for the Christmas Holidays on SATURDAY, the 26th December, the usual 1.40 p.m. WESTERN, and 1.50 p.m. SOUTHERN, TRAINS will NOT BE RUN on that day.

JOHN RAE, Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Public Works—Railway Branch, Sydney, 22nd December, 1874.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Redfern Goods Shed will be CLOSED on 25th and 26th December. No goods will be received or delivered on the above days at the Redfern Goods Shed, but arrangements will be made for delivery of perishables and live stock up to 10 o'clock a.m.

JOHN RAE, Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Public Works, Railway Branch, Sydney, 24th December, 1874.

Department of Public Works, Sydney, 23rd December, 1874.

TENDERS FOR TOLL-BARS.

Tenders will be received at this office, until 11 o'clock, on TUESDAY, the 29th December next, from persons willing to purchase the leases of tolls to be taken at the undermentioned bars, for twelve calendar months, from the 1st January to 31st December, 1875, viz.,

On Great Western Road, Beckett's Bridge, and Pitt Row.

General conditions may be seen at the office of the Commissioner for Roads, Sydney, and the Police Office, Parramatta.

JOHN SUTHERLAND.

General Post Office, Sydney, 24th December, 1874.

CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.

TENDERS for the Conveyance of the undermentioned Mails are invited.

For full particulars see GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, a file of which is kept at every Post-office in the colony.

No tender will be considered unless the terms of the notice published in the GAZETTE be strictly complied with.

Tenders to be addressed to the Secretary to the Post Office, Sydney, and endorsed "Tender for the Conveyance of Mails."

Conveyance of Mails to and from	Date to which tenders can be received at this Office.
1. Tinonee and Kimbriki, via Martin's, Latimer's, Monk's, Chapman's, Moore's, Murray's, Weatherley's, Mossman's, and Smith's, twice a week	Up to noon on Wednesday, the 6th January next.
2. Myall River and Hawke's Nest, once or twice a week	
3. Pine Ridge and Colly Blue, twice a week	
4. Wallsend and Cooranbong, twice or three times a week	
5. Ilford and Crudine, once a week.	
6. Caloola and Teapot Swamp, once a week	
7. Warren and Tenandra, once a week	
8. Caloola and Bartlett's, Railway Main Camp, No. 1 section, Orange line, three times a week	

SAUL SAMUEL.

General Post Office, Sydney, 24th December, 1874.

A POST-OFFICE will be established at the following places on the 1st proximo, viz.:—

Bannaby, near Taralga
Bundella, between Yarraman and Tambar Springs
Cheeseman's Creek between Cudal and Heifer Station
Eskbank, Great Western Railway
Foxlow, near Molonglo
New Pipe Clay, between Mudgee and Home Rule.

The residents at or adjacent to the abovementioned places are recommended to advise their correspondents to address all letters and newspapers accordingly.

SAUL SAMUEL.

PUBLIC COMPANIES.

THE NATIONAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA (Limited).

Established August, 1869.

The First Mutual Life Office established in the colony of Victoria, and the pioneer in the Australian colonies of the observance of liberal and equitable principles in dealing with policy-holders, is now open to receive proposals in Sydney.

Agents—W. J. MOXHAM and CO.

Temporary Office, 42, Pitt-street North.

Medical Referee, JAMES C. COX., M.D., F.R.C.S., Edin.

For further particulars regarding this flourishing institution, see advertisement in SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, of 26th November, 1874.

BONUS 20 PER CENT. FOR LAST YEAR. MUTUAL FIRE SOCIETY.

Capital, £100,000.

ONLY MUTUAL FIRE SOCIETY IN THE COLONY.

Insurers participate in profits, and are perfectly free by law from liability for losses.

Prompt and liberal settlements for fires.

Losses by Lightning and Explosions by Gas paid.

Fire Insurances at greatly reduced rates.

JAMES HENDERSON, Manager.

Offices—225, Pitt-street.

THE COLONIAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY (Limited).

Offices—165, Pitt-street, Sydney.

FOR LIFE ASSURANCE, ENDOWMENTS, AND ANNUITIES.

The Half-yearly Report shows that this Society has transacted during its first six months a larger amount of business than any other Assurance Society in Australia during a similar period.

ALFRED CHANDLER, Resident Secretary.

CORNWALL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Capital £100,000; reserve fund, £72,000.

Marine and Fire risks accepted at the lowest current rates.

GEO. A. LLOYD and CO., Agents for New South Wales.

362, George-street, Sydney.

CIVIL SERVICE BUILDING SOCIETY

Established on the PERMANENT principle, and for the MUTUAL benefit of members, and EMBODYING ALL MODERN IMPROVEMENTS.

Shares, £25 each—payable by monthly (CALENDAR) subscription of 2s 6d per share. Entrance fee, 1s per share.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

PRESIDENT.—Sir Alfred Stephen, C.B. and K.C.M.G.

TRUSTEES (ex officio DIRECTORS).—John Williams, Esq.; and the Hon. J. S. Farnell, M.P.

DIRECTORS.—A. C. Fraser, Esq.; Thomas Richards, Esq.; William Forster, Esq., M.P.; Charles A. Goodchap, Esq.; and James Barnet, Esq.

Offices—267, George-street, opposite Hunter-street.

SOLICITORS.— Messrs. Spain and Sly, 7 and 11, Exchange.

THIS SOCIETY IS NOT CONFINED TO THE CIVIL SERVICE, BUT IS OPEN ON EQUAL TERMS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

The following advantages are offered:—

TO THE INVESTORS.

A sound and profitable investment.

Compound interest at the rate of 6¼ per cent. and profits.

Shares, with accrued interest and profits, can be withdrawn at any time on giving one month's notice.

No fines for non-payment of subscriptions.

Not compulsory to borrow.

TO THE BORROWERS.

Low rate of interest charged only on amount actually owing to society at end of each year.

No premiums chargeable upon loans.

Advances repayable by monthly instalments of principal and interest combined, extending over any period most convenient to the borrowers. [See table of repayment in rules.]

Borrowers share in profits.

The Board is prepared to make immediate advances. Rules, 6d each, and forms of application can be obtained from the undersigned.

JOHN PURKIS, Secretary.

LONDON ALLIANCE BRITISH AND FOREIGN FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Established by Act of Parliament, 1824.

Capital, £5,000,000.

Insurances effected on buildings and merchandise lowest current rates.

GEORGE KING and CO., Agents, 10 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

MARINE FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE.

AGENCIES:

Batavia Sea and Fire Insurance Co.; London Agents—Messrs. Baring, Brothers, and Co.
Imperial Marine Insurance Co., Limited; Offices—Liverpool and London.
London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co.
London and Lancashire Life Assurance Co.
Mercantile Marine Insurance Co. of South Australia.
National Marine Insurance Co. of South Australia.
North China Insurance Co.
Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society.
Swiss Lloyd Marine Insurance Co.
Universal Marine Insurance Co., Limited, 35, Cornhill, London.

POLICIES issued for every description of INSURANCE at the LOWEST RATES of premium.

FIRE POLICIES on Buildings, Rents, Furniture, and Stocks, CLAIMS under which are promptly settled in the COLONY.

MARINE POLICIES covering Wool and Produce, Hulls, Freights, Goods, Passage Money, Personal Effects, Live Stock, and every insurable interest; CLAIMS whereon can be made payable here or at various ports throughout the WORLD.

Having established a BRANCH of our business in NEWCASTLE, we are prepared to undertake any AGENCY in addition to Insurance business entrusted to us.

MACKENZIE, GODDARD, and CO.

Exchange, Sydney.
Scott-street, Newcastle.

NEW SOUTH WALES MARINE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Capital, £150,000.

Unlimited Liability.

Incorporated by Act of Council, 1851.

Office: George-street, Sydney.

DIRECTORS:

Hon. John Fairfax, Esq., M.L.C., Chairman.
Hon. S. D. Gordon, Esq., M.L.C.
Charles T. Gedye, Esq.
Edwin T. Beilby, Esq.
John Brewster, Esq.
Richard Jones, jun., Esq.

AUDITORS:

James Booth, Esq. William Watson, Esq.

MARINE SURVEYOR:

Captain S. Sustenance.

SECRETARY:

J. St. Vincent Welch, Esq.

AGENTS IN LONDON ...... Messrs. Atkins and Co.
" ADELAIDE ...... Messrs. Josh. Stilling & Co
" BRISBANE .... Mr. Edward D. Forrest
" MELBOURNE .. Mr. W. H. Jarrett
" ROCKHAMPTON. Messrs. R. M. Hunter & Co

Risks on goods taken to all parts, at the current rates of premium.

Policies on wool, goods, gold, &c., to Great Britain granted in triplicate, payable in London in case of loss, by Messrs. Atkins and Co., who also issue policies on behalf of the Company on risks from Great Britain, &c., to the Australian colonies, payable, in case of loss, either in Sydney or London.

Time Policies granted on Vessels at rates according to the nature of the trade in which they are employed.

Goods stowed on deck not covered by the Company's policies unless specially named.

Sydney, 4th November, 1874.

REDUCTION IN FIRE PREMIUMS on Dwelling-houses, and other buildings not used for purposes of trade, and on their contents.

SYDNEY INSURANCE COMPANY.

Capital, £250,000, with UNLIMITED Liability of Shareholders.

DIRECTORS:

Hon. John Fraser, Esq., M.L.C., Chairman.
George W. Lord, Esq., M.L.A., Deputy-Chairman.
Hon. W. M. Arnold, Esq., M.L.A.
John Brewster, Esq.
Hon. S. D. Gordon, Esq., M.L.C.
Richard Jones, Esq.

Surveyor: William Munro, Esq.

Agent for Sydney and Suburbs: Mr. Edward Ramsay.

ALEXANDER THOMSON, Secretary.

Offices—Pitt and Hunter streets.

THE SOUTHERN INSURANCE COMPANY (Limited).

Registered Capital, One Million Sterling; Paid-up, Seventy-five Thousand Pounds.

Head Office, Melbourne.

SYDNEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Albert A. Smith, J. S. Mitchell, John Keep.

Marine Risks effected at lowest current rates. Time Risks on hulls, with particular average taken, subject to special arrangement.

JAMES LAIDLEY, Secretary.

VICTORIA INSURANCE COMPANIES

FIRE and MARINE, LIFE and GUARANTEE.

United Capital, ... £2,200,000.

Established, 1849.

LOCAL DIRECTORS:

George Thorne, Esq. J. de V. Lamb, Esq.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.—The premiums are the lowest that can be accepted with safety to the insured and the Company.

MARINE RISKS at lowest current rates.

FIDELITY GUARANTEE Policies issued at lowest current rates, with periodical reductions, to Government and Bank officials and others holding situations of trust.

Private sureties can obtain indemnity policies from this Company, securing themselves against loss arising through the dishonesty of the person for whom they have become surety.

LIFE ASSURANCE, Endowment, or Annuity Policies granted at low rates of premium.

LIFE ASSURANCE COMBINED WITH GUARANTEE secures important REDUCTIONS in the premium.

Forms of Proposal and full particulars upon application to any of the Agents, or to the Resident Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH, NEW PITT-STREET SYDNEY.

FREDK. J. JACKSON, Resident Secretary.

THE NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE CO. FIRE AND MARINE.

SYDNEY BRANCH........ 143, Pitt-street.
INVESTED FUNDS........ £314,000.
With unlimited liability of Shareholders.

FIRE INSURANCES effected on Buildings, Goods, Furniture, Rent, &c.

MARINE RISKS taken at lowest current rates on Hulls, Merchandise, and Freights.

Claims payable in London, New Zealand, or any of the Australian colonies, at the option of the insured.

S. HAGUE SMITH, Agent.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—Capital, £1,945,000. Income, £320,000.

Reserve fund, £240,000.

Established in 1803. Losses paid since the foundation of the Society, £3,122,000.

Insurances effected on buildings, merchandise, and ships. Losses from fire by lightning made good, and all claims on adjustment paid in Sydney.

FANNING, GRIFFITHS, and CO., Agents, Spring-street, Sydney.

PACIFIC FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SYDNEY.

Capital, £1,000,000.

DIRECTORS:

Hon. Jacob L. Montefiore, M.L.C., Chairman.
H. E. A. Allan, Esq. W. Tucker, Esq.
Alfred C. Garrick, Esq. Jas. Watson, Esq. M.L.A.

London Agents: Messrs. Levy, Smith, and Co.

Risks taken at lowest current rates.

Marine Policies made payable in London or at any of the Company's agencies when required.

A Table of Rates may be obtained at the Company's Office, 91, Pitt-street.

E. L. MONTEFIORE, Manager.

SYDNEY MARINE ASSURANCE COMPANY (Unlimited Liability).

Capital, £100,000.

DIRECTORS:

Richard Jones, Esq., Chairman.
Henry Mort, Esq.
A. H. C. Macafee, Esq.

AGENTS:

London—Mr. William Mort, 155, Fenchurch-street.
Brisbane—Clarke, Hodgson, and Co.
Newcastle—Mr. John Reid.

MARINE SURVEYOR: Captain S. S. Sustenance.

N.B.—Time risks on ships, with particular average taken, subject to special arrangement.

Policies on merchandise to Europe granted in duplicate, payable in London in case of loss, if required.

A table of the rates of Premium can be obtained at the Company's Offices, Lyons-buildings, George-street.

SAMUEL H. SMYTH, Manager.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Capital, £750,000.

UNLIMITED LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.

Head Office—Queen-street, Auckland, with Agencies at Wellington, Nelson, Napier, New Plymouth, Christchurch, and Dunedin, Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane.

London Agents, Messrs. SCALES and ROGERS, Mark-lane.

The undersigned, Agents for Sydney, are prepared to effect Marine Insurances upon hulls, merchandise, freights, &c., at lowest current rates. Losses made payable at any of the agencies if required.

M. METCALFE and CO., 9, Bridge-street.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Established 1817.

Incorporated by Act of Council 1850.

Capital................£1,000,000
Reserve Fund................£963,333 6s 8d.

Head Office—Sydney.

DIRECTORS:

Thomas Walker, Esq., President.
The Hon. George Allen, Esq., M.L.C.
The Hon. E. C. Weekes, Esq., M.L.C.
James Milson, Esq.
Thomas Buckland, Esq.
Alexander Stuart, Esq.

AUDITORS:

George Thorne, Esq.
Thomas Cadell, Esq.
Shepherd Smith, General Manager.
London Office—Old Broad-street.

DIRECTORS:

Donald Larnach, Esq., Managing Director.
W. R. Scott, Esq. Sir Daniel Cooper, Bart.
William Walker, Esq.

London Bankers:

The Bank of England.
The London Joint Stock Bank.

BRANCHES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

Parramatta-street	Gundagai
William-street	Wagga Wagga
Maitland	Burrowa
Newcastle	Deniliquin
Tamworth	Albury
Grafton	Bathurst
Windsor	Mudgee
Richmond	Orange
Penrith	Dubbo
Camden	Glen Innes
Goulburn	Sofala
Adelong	Armidale
Grenfell	Gulgong
Araluen	Uralla
Tumut	Scone
Maclean	Hill End
Wellington	Braidwood
Inverell	Corowa
Moruya	Taree
Tenterfield	Cooma
Hay	Bombala
Young	Cootamundra
Parramatta	Warialda
Liverpool.	

BRANCHES IN QUEENSLAND.

Brisbane	Rockhampton
Ipswich	Bowen
Toowoomba	Townsville
Warwick	Roma
Gympie	Maryborough
Ravenswood	Cardwell
Mount Perry	Bundaberg
Stanthorpe	Charters Towers
Copperfield	George Town
St. George	Cook Town.

BRANCHES IN VICTORIA.

Melbourne	St. Arnaud
Fitzroy	Wangaratta
Collingwood	Chiltern
Geelong	Ararat
Kyneton	Creswick
Ballarat	Linton
Castlemaine	Inglewood
Maldon	Echuca
Beechworth	Mansfield
Sandhurst	Avoca
Wodonga	Rochester
Malmsbury	Benalla
Eagle Hawk	Runnymede.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES IN NEW ZEALAND

Auckland	Ross
Nelson	Cromwell
Wellington	Dunstan
Wanganui	Dunstan Creek
Christchurch	Mount Ida
Dunedin	Charleston
Invercargill	Lawrence
Hokitika	Black's
Greymouth	Grahamston
West Port	Napier.

AGENCIES WITHIN THE COLONIES.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
The Bank of South Australia.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
The Western Australian Bank.
TASMANIA.
The Commercial Bank of V. D. L.

AGENCIES BEYOND THE COLONIES.

SCOTLAND.
The Royal Bank of Scotland.
IRELAND.
The National Bank of Ireland.
MANCHESTER.
The Manchester and Liverpool District Bank.
BIRMINGHAM.
The Birmingham Joint Stock Bank.
LIVERPOOL.
The North and South Wales Bank.
BRISTOL AND WEST OF ENGLAND.
Stuckey's Banking Company.
HAMBURGH.
Messrs. Merck and Co.
NEW YORK.
Messrs. Duncan, Sherman, and Co.
SAN FRANCISCO.
The London and San Francisco Bank.
INDIA AND CHINA.
The Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, and London, and China.
MANILA.
Messrs. Russell and Sturgis.
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.
London and South African Bank.
NEW CALEDONIA.
The Bank of New Caledonia.

The Bank allows interest on deposits if lodged for fixed periods, at rates which may be ascertained at its various offices.

Collects for its customers dividends on shares in public companies, and interest on debentures.

Invests money on their behalf in colonial securities or those of Great Britain.

Issues drafts and letters of credit, and negotiates approved bills, payable at any of the abovenamed places, and undertakes the agency of other banks, on such terms as may be agreed upon.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF SYDNEY. ESTABLISHED 1869.

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT, 1873.

Capital £120,000
Reserve Fund (subscribed and partly paid up) .. 30,000

DIRECTORS:

The Hon. John Hay, M.L.C., Chairman
The Hon. Alexander Campbell, M.L.C.
Henry Mort, Esq.
Christopher Rolleston, Esq.
Hon. William Busby, M.L.C.

AUDITORS:

Philip Gidley King, Esq.
Robert George Massie, Esq.

SOLICITORS:

Messrs. Slade and Smith.

LONDON BANKERS:

The National Provincial Bank of England.

LONDON AGENT:

George Alexander, Esq., 30, Great St. Helens.

This Bank transacts all usual Banking and Financial Agency Business on the most favourable terms.

Bills discounted daily.

Bills negotiated and advances made against wool and other produce shipped to England for sale.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS, at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum, calculated on the minimum monthly balances, up to £1000. For credit balances exceeding £1000, special arrangements can be made.

F. A. A. WILSON Manager.

COMMERCIAL BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY.

Established 1834.

Incorporated by Act of Council, 1848.

Capital, £475,000.

Reserve Fund, £290,000.

DIRECTORS:

Richard Jones, Esq., Chairman
Walter Lamb, Esq., Deputy-Chairman
Edward Knox, Esq.
John Brewster, Esq.
F. H. Dangar, Esq.
T. A. Dibbs, Esq., Manager.

AUDITORS:

J. R. Street, Esq., and Captain Smith.

SOLICITORS:

Messrs. Want and Johnson.

HEAD OFFICE—George-street, Sydney.

T. A. Dibbs, Manager
F. N. Burt, Accountant
T. B. Gaden, Branch Inspector.

With branches at Haymarket, George-street South; and Oxford-street.

LONDON OFFICE—39, Lombard-street E.C.

Directors: J. A. Youl, Esq., C.M.G.; H. G. Smith, Esq.; and Charles Parbury, Esq.

Manager: Nathaniel Cork.

BRANCHES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.—Albury, Armidale, Bathurst, Bega, Berrima, Bingera, Bombala, Bourke, Campbelltown, Carcoar, Casino, Cooma, Dubbo, Dungog, Forbes, Glen Innes, Goulburn, Gunnedah, Gunning, Hill End, Inverell, Kempsey, Kiama, Maitland, Milton, Morpeth, Moss Vale, Murrurundi, Muswellbrook, Narrabri, Newcastle, Orange, Parkes, Parramatta, Queanbeyan, Shoalhaven, Singleton, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga, Walcha, Wilcannia, Wollongong, Yass, Young. With the following

BRANCHES IN QUEENSLAND: Brisbane, Dalby, Mackay, Maryborough, and Rockhampton.

AGENCIES IN THE COLONIES:

VICTORIA: The Bank of Victoria, National Bank of Australasia, Colonial Bank of Australasia, and Commercial Bank of Australia.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: The Bank of South Australia, the National Bank of Australasia, and the Bank of Adelaide.

WEST AUSTRALIA. National Bank of Australasia.

TASMANIA: The Bank of Van Diemen's Land.

NEW ZEALAND: National Bank of New Zealand, the Bank of New Zealand.

AGENCIES BEYOND THE COLONIES.

LONDON: The London and Westminster Bank, and the London and County Bank.

LIVERPOOL: The Liverpool Union Bank.

MANCHESTER: The Manchester and Salford Bank.

IRELAND: The Belfast Banking Company and the National Bank.

SCOTLAND: The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

SAN FRANCISCO: The Bank of British Columbia, and Messrs. Macondray and Co.

VALPARAISO: Banco Nacional de Chile.

NEW YORK: Messrs. Drexel, Morgan, and Co.

INDIA, CHINA, AND SINGAPORE: The Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China; and the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China.

CEYLON: The Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China.

BATAVIA: Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China.

MAURITIUS: Messrs. Scott and Co.

HONOLULU: Messrs. Bishop and Co.

The Bank discount bills, grant cash credits, make advances on approved security, allow interest upon fixed deposits, negotiate produce bills and documents, issue drafts or letters of credit, and negotiate or collect bills payable at any of the abovenamed places or elsewhere, at current rates; collect dividends on shares in public companies, and interest on debentures; act for their customers in the investment of money in securities in Great Britain or in the colonies; and are prepared to undertake the agency of Banks on such terms as may be mutually agreed upon.

THE AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK.

Incorporated by Act of Council, 1853.

Paid-up Capital, £484,556, with power to increase to £1,000,000

DIRECTORS:

JAMES S. MITCHELL, Esq., Chairman.
ALEXANDER LEARMONTH, Esq.
EDWARD LORD, Esq.
JEREMIAH BRICE RUNDLE, Esq.
The Hon. JOHN FRAZER, M.L.C.
EDWIN THOMAS BEILBY, Esq.

AUDITORS:

J. G. RAPHAEL, Esq.
WM. A. LONG, Esq.

SOLICITORS:

Messrs. M'CARTHY and ROBERTSON.

GENERAL MANAGER:

VINCENT WANOSTROCHT GIBLIN.

HEAD OFFICE, SYDNEY:

FRANCIS ADAMS, Assistant Manager.
GREGORY GEO. BLAXLAND, Accountant.

LONDON OFFICE: 18, KING WILLIAM-STREET, E.C.

DIRECTORS:

JAMES HENDERSON, Esq.
PAUL FREDERICK MORGAN, Esq.
WILLIAM MORT, Esq.

MANAGER:

JOHN CHRISTIE.

BANKERS:

THE NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

BRANCHES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

FRANCIS ADAMS, Branch Inspector.
EDWARD GRIFFITH, Assistant Inspector.

Albury	Home Rule
Armidale	Lambton
Balranald	Molong
Bathurst	Mudgee
Bourke	Newcastle
Braidwood	Orange
Coonanbarabran	Parkes
Coonamble	Rylstone
Deniliquin	Raymond Terrace
Forbes	Singleton
Goulburn	Tenterfield
Grafton	Wagga Wagga
Grenfell	Wallsend
Gulgong	Wentworth
Hay	West Maitland
Hill End	Wilcannia
	Yass.

BRANCHES IN QUEENSLAND.

H. P. ABBOTT, Branch Inspector.

Brisbane	Mackay
Bowen	Maryborough
Charters Towers	Milchester
Clermont	Ravenswood
Cooktown	Rockhampton
Copperfield	Stanthorpe
Gladstone	Toowoomba
Gympie	Townsville
Ipswich	Warwick.

AGENTS.

VICTORIA	The Bank of Victoria; The E. S. and A. Chartered Bank; The National Bank of Australasia; The Bank of New Zealand.
TASMANIA	The Bank of Van Diemen's Land.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA..	The Bank of South Australia; The National Bank of Australasia.
NEW ZEALAND......	The Bank of New Zealand; The National Bank of New Zealand.
LONDON	The Australian Joint Stock Bank, 18, King William-street, E.C.
SCOTLAND..........	The Royal Bank of Scotland.
IRELAND	The Provincial Bank of Ireland.
NEW YORK	Messrs. Brown, Brothers, and Co.
SAN FRANCISCO	Agency of the Bank of British North America.

The Bank discounts bills, makes advances upon approved security, negotiates produce bills and documents, grants drafts and credits upon all its Branches and Agents at current rates, allows interest upon fixed deposits, negotiates or collects bills payable at any of the abovementioned places or elsewhere; collects dividends on local stocks for its customers free of commission, also interest on debentures, and undertakes the custody of same; is open to transact every kind of banking business, and to undertake the Agency of other Banks upon such terms as may be agreed upon.

THE CITY BANK, Sydney.

Paid-up Capital, £240,000.

With power to increase to £500,000.

DIRECTORS:

James Watson, Esq., M.L.A., Chairman.
W. Forster, Esq., M.L.A. John Alger, Esq.
Robert Gray, Esq. George Thornton, Esq.

AUDITORS:

E. Wrench, Esq.; Robert Hills, Esq.

MANAGER:

William Neill.

SECRETARY:

Edmund Rouse.

SOLICITOR:

W. W. Billyard, Esq.

Head Office, Pitt-street, Sydney.

BRANCHES:

Young
Bathurst
Kiama
Carcoar.

AGENTS:

London—The London Joint Stock Bank.
Scotland—The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
San Francisco—The Bank of California.
New York—Laidlaw and Co.
Hongkong—The Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China.
Queensland—The Queensland National Bank.
Victoria—The National Bank of Australasia.
South Australia—Ditto ditto.
Western Australia—Ditto ditto.
Tasmania—The Bank of Van Diemen's Land.
New Zealand—The Bank of New Zealand.
New Caledonia—Compagnie de la Nouvelle Calédonie.

This Bank adopts and transacts all usual banking business with either of the places above mentioned.

BANK OF NEW CALEDONIA.

Capital, 4,000,000 francs.

Possessing by Government Charter all the privileges and monopolies of a Colonial Government Bank, and under Government inspection.

DIRECTORS:

Prince de Béarn
Baron A. Digéon.

Messrs. Eyraud	Nas. de Tourris
Wallut	Messrs. F. Petit
A. Marchand	E. Montefiore
J. L. Montefiore	Robert
E. Chabrier	L. Lebeaud.

Head Office: 33, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Correspondents in the Colonies:

Bank of New South Wales, and its Branches.

Correspondents in the East:

Comptoir d' Escompte, and its Branches.

This Bank is prepared to transact all usual Banking business between New Caledonia and France.

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PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CENTRAL CUMBERLAND.

GENTLEMEN,—It is my intention to offer myself as a Candidate for the representation of your Electorate in the Parliament about to be assembled.

As a native of the colony, I am, I hope, pardonably ambitious to assist in its advancement, and being personally interested in the Central Cumberland district, I have its welfare at heart, and I have the leisure to devote to the duties of your representation.

The policy of the present Government being one of progress, particularly with regard to railway extension and free trade, I will, in the event of your electing me, give it a cordial support.

With regard to the question of education, I am in favour of a National system, but I am opposed to rash and inconsiderate change, especially in so important a matter, and I believe that the Public Schools Act, with the increased assistance proposed in the building of Public schools, will meet the present educational wants of the country. At all events, opportunity will thus be given to ascertain whether the more radical change asked for by some persons is absolutely required, and such course will, I believe, give satisfaction to the great majority of the public.

I may add that I received my education at the Sydney Grammar School, and I believe I am the first of its pupils to aspire to Parliamentary honours. Considering it has now been in existence seventeen years, I think it is time that some of those who received the benefit of its foundation should offer their services to the country. If elected, I shall do my utmost to extend to the youth of all classes the advantages of the superior education imparted at that institution, by the establishment of similar schools in the principal towns in the colony.

Some alterations will undoubtedly have to be made in the Land Act to meet the circumstances of the times, but I believe that the general principles of that measure have worked beneficially for the country. I would advocate the extension of the area to be selected to enable small capitalists to go into sheep farming and stock breeding generally, for which purposes the present limited area is unquestionably too small.

If you do me the honour of returning me to Parliament, I shall be prepared to pay constant attention to your local wants, which hitherto have been conspicuously neglected.

I shall be happy to explain my views more fully upon these and other important matters when I have the opportunity of personally addressing you.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
A. H. McCULLOCH, Junr.

165, Pitt-street, Sydney, 8th December, 1874.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WELLINGTON.

GENTLEMEN,—At the earnest desire of some of my friends in your district, I come forward to solicit your suffrages as a candidate for your representation in the ensuing Parliament.

I am not unknown to many of you, and although not able to state that I have spent a quarter of a century in the service of my country, as some are very ready to do, I do lay claim to having been most diligent in my Parliamentary duties since my return as member for Central Cumberland, now nearly three years ago, during which time I have taken part in one hundred and forty-six divisions, have carefully attended to all measures affecting the interest of the colony, and have given my vote impartially to the best of my judgment, and without fear or favour.

Apart from this, you will, I am sure, be aware that I have not confined my attention to the interests of my own electorate, but have, when occasion presented itself, paid special regard to those of your district and of mining generally, and shall always take pleasure in doing so, if elected.

The free-trade policy of the present Government has always met with my approval; and free trade will be strongly supported by me. Although at the present time I have a considerable fortune locked up in one of our most important colonial manufactures, I maintain that we should not tax the whole colony to benefit a few. If we are unable now, in the infancy of our manufactures, to compete with foreign markets, let us by industry persevere until we can do so without the need of protection.

With reference to the Land Act, I am of opinion that unless we introduce something more attractive than the existing land law, we shall not induce people to emigrate to the colony. The price of land is by far too dear, and until a more liberal measure is passed we cannot hope to see selected and cultivated the millions of acres of land now unoccupied.

With regard to the Californian Mail Service, I would give my cordial co-operation to any plan by which the service could be performed by one of our local companies.

On the important question of education, on which the future welfare of this great colony so much depends, I have always been in favour of a National system to the exclusion of Denominationalism.

I am of opinion that the State should know no man's religion, that all should meet on one broad platform of education unbiassed by sectarian influence. I am not in favour of absolute free education under all circumstances, but would support a compulsory system.

Considerable loss has accrued to the colony in consequence of the new Electoral Act Amendment Bill not having become law. I am convinced that the Act, with the amendments introduced, would have worked most satisfactorily, and I consider it would be highly valuable to introduce a clause proposing a deposit of fifty pounds by every candidate in order to prevent sham candidature. I am not in favour of increased representation for the metropolis, but consider that the country electorates should be fairly represented according to extent and population.

I would advocate the extension of our railway lines as of vital importance to the well being of the country.

If elected I shall introduce a bill to make Government responsible for the safe transit of gold from the different parts of the colony.

The Mining Bill now in force does not meet the requirements of the miners, and I would give my aid in removing all obstructions that now prevent its being made practicable.

On the above and other matters of importance, I shall do myself the pleasure of addressing you prior to the election, and if returned to Parliament my best efforts shall be used in your interests.

I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,
JOHN HURLEY.

Mary Villa, Elizabeth Bay, December 10, 1874.

ELECTORS of Central Cumberland.—Do not pledge your votes, Mr. J. G. O'Connor will be nominated.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CENTRAL CUMBERLAND.

GENTLEMEN,—Parliament having been dissolved, I beg to state that I am again a Candidate for your suffrages. The circumstances which have caused this appeal to the constituencies are perhaps the most remarkable which have occurred in our political history. An extraordinary minute of his Excellency the Governor having been placed by command before both Houses of Parliament, in which his Excellency gives at length his reasons for the course taken in relation to the release of the prisoner Gardiner, and describes the circumstances which have led to his decision, the document goes on to say that "If while entertaining, as I do, these opinions, I were to break faith with the prisoner, and retain him in gaol beyond the time specified for his liberation, I should be doing so not because I think such a course necessary, but simply in response to clamour, which I believe to be unreasonable and unjust." The whole colony having spoken out in opposition to this decision, and the representative body of the country—the Legislative Assembly—having been occupied in a very animated debate on the question, it is only just to conclude that they were included amongst those of the colonists charged with being guilty of "clamour unreasonable and unjust." At the commencement of the late session Mr. Combes, the member for Bathurst, gave notice of the following motion,—"That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Minute of his Excellency the Governor on the subject of the release of the prisoner Gardiner, laid by command upon the table of this House on the day of its last prorogation." This led to a debate, during which the Colonial Secretary stated, in a petulant and very imperious way, that if the motion were carried he would regard it as a vote of censure. This threat, coupled with others of a similar nature, suggested to members the desirability of resenting so arbitrary an attempt to coerce their decision, and it must be gratifying to all independent minds to find that the Assembly had sufficient regard for its self-respect as to lead to the division which resulted in a majority of two against the Government. The House went into committee to consider a firm but very respectful resolution, which was negatived on the casting vote of the Speaker. The Government refused to meet the House again, which was dissolved by proclamation.

It appears to me from this that the Colonial Secretary is alone to blame for the unsettled state in which the country is placed, for the hon. member by his arbitrary conduct not only brought about the crisis at this unseasonable time, but by his act has permitted the operation of the Stamp Act to lapse, has left the Public Service unprovided for, and has allowed the Electoral Bill to fall through, which had passed the Assembly and was being considered by the Council.

I am strongly of opinion that legislation is urgently required to settle some of the defects and anomalies of the Land Laws, and it is very remarkable that, during the tenure of office of the Government—nearly three years—no action has been taken in this direction; they have been silent during this time, and now that the Parliamentary career of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary has been brought to a close—for a time at all events—he tells you how necessary it is that legislation should take place on this very important matter.

The important question of education taking so prominent a place in the political programme of the day, I desire to say that I am still an advocate for a thorough system of National education. I was under the impression that the Public Schools Act had formed a fair adjustment of the two systems. Recent discussions have shown me, however, that legislation will have to be resorted to. In such legislation I trust that the aim and object of Parliament will be the gradual establishment of a thoroughly efficient system of National education; and to make this acceptable to the great body of the people, it must be one in which the children of all sects can be taught without regard to country or creed.

The financial statement of the Colonial Treasurer shows the revenue of the colony to be in a flourishing state, and it must be a source of great satisfaction to all interested in the general welfare to find this to be so; at the same time it appears to me that this great measure of prosperity is due to the success which has attended the various industrial pursuits of the country,—the high price of wool, the abundance of grass resulting from several very favourable seasons, &c., but certainly not to the cause modestly stated by the Colonial Secretary in his address to the electors of East Sydney. I venture to say that the same prosperity, and perhaps greater, would have resulted had any other Ministry been in power.

The question of railway extension is one of the greatest importance, and it is satisfactory to find that the efforts of Parliament are likely to result in restoring the large trade of the south-western portion of the colony, which has hitherto tended to increase the exports and wealth of the neighbouring colony of Victoria. I am in hopes that further action will be taken which will eventually bring to the port of Sydney the whole of the produce of the large extent of country between the present extension and the Lachlan, and between that again and the Darling.

The Electoral Bill which recently passed the Assembly, while increasing and in some measure adjusting the representation of the various electorates, did not deal consistently with your electorate. Central Cumberland, essentially an agricultural and horticultural district, had tacked on to it a large slice of the suburb of St. Leonards, and by that means adding to the district an element altogether foreign to its other interests. I recorded my vote against this measure, but there was a majority in its favour.

I think the electors of Central Cumberland will have reason to be pleased when the time of elections, date of nomination, and return of writ shall be made definite by enactment, and not subject to the whim of any Minister of the day. In this case, the injustice of fixing the election as last of all but Balranald may be avoided. This is the second time we have been treated in a similar way.

Other important matters I must ask may remain till I have the pleasure of meeting you, which I purpose doing at the various portions of the electorate without delay, when I shall have the pleasure of addressing you, and going into the various public matters of the day more in detail than it is convenient to do in a written address.

I am, Gentlemen, yours very faithfully,
JOHN LACKEY.

Woodville, Guildford December 3, 1874.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CENTRAL CUMBERLAND.

GENTLEMEN,—At the request of several influential electors who have known me for many years, I am induced to offer myself for your suffrages at the forthcoming election.

As a resident in the county for the last eighteen years, I believe I am not unfavourably known to many of you; but as you number over 2000 electors, and are scattered over a wide area, it follows that I must be unknown to some. I shall therefore take an early opportunity of making myself known to all of you, in order that you may judge of my fitness to be your representative.

I may here state that I am a native of the colony, and have always identified myself with its advancement by associating myself with its municipal, charitable, and educational institutions, and as a considerable employer of labour and capital tending in a fair measure to the improvement of our country, I claim the belief that my interests generally are identical with yours.

On the principal questions now before the public, I would briefly state that I approve of the general policy of the present Ministry. I consider the Public Schools Act to be a wise and beneficial measure, and one that can by amendments and extensions of its provisions, be made popular and effective for the education of our rapidly increasing population. The Land Laws I consider should be disturbed as little as possible, alterations in details may be made to carry out the intentions of the law, but as every facility is now given to persons desirous of acquiring Government lands, I would deprecate any great changes in the principles now acted upon. I am a free trader, and an advocate for political and religious liberty in its full sense. If elected as your representative, I shall endeavour to urge forward the construction of all necessary and important public works, the extension of the telegraph to all centres of population, the improvement of the rivers in the electorate, and the conservation of fresh water in them by means of locks and dams. The question of our water supply, generally, I consider to be one of paramount importance, and in the present flourishing state of our finances, I consider that no expense should be spared to provide Sydney and the surrounding country with an unfailing supply of the purest water obtainable.

The main lines of railway through the County of Cumberland being completed, nothing now remains to be done to make them available but the formation of good cross roads leading to the various stations. This I consider an important matter, and one that will always receive my best attention.—I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,
C. E. JEANNERET.

Hunter's Hill, December 1, 1874.

Day of nomination, 4th January. Polling day, 8th January.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CANTERBURY

GENTLEMEN,—Upon the requisition of a large number of influential electors I have consented to become a candidate for your suffrages at the forthcoming election.

I am in favour of free trade, triennial Parliaments, of the extension of the railway into the heart of the city, of a liberal and permanent endowment to municipalities, of the abolition of tolls throughout the electorate, and of the principles of the Education League, but I would be no party to any measure which could in any way work an injustice to existing Denominational schools.

I am opposed to the payment of members.

I would give a general support to the present Government.

My views on the above questions will be more fully explained at the meetings which I intend to hold throughout the electorate; but as the polling-day is fixed for the 28th instant, and the Christmas holidays intervene, I have only a few days in which to canvass an exceptionally large electorate, and it will be utterly impossible to accomplish any extensive organisation. I must therefore trust to the efforts which my friends may make on my behalf, and to the indulgence and good offices of the electors in those places wherein there is no time to hold meetings; and I can only promise that, if elected, my best energies shall be devoted to the service of the electorate.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient servant,
W. H. PIGOTT.

South Kingston and 129, King-street.

ELECTORS OF CANTERBURY VOTE for WHEELER, the Liberal Candidate.
Vote for WHEELER, Political and Religious Liberty.
Vote for WHEELER, and the Public Schools Act.
Vote for WHEELER, and the present Government.
Vote for WHEELER, and Advance Australia.

VOTE for PIGOTT, LUCAS, and the League.

VOTE for LUCAS, PIGOTT, and the League.

ELECTORS.—Elect no Candidate who will not maintain your Right of Petition, and the Freedom of Debate for your representatives in Parliament. Read Mr. Combes's resolution hereunder:—"That this committee regrets that the Governor should have been advised to communicate to the Assembly his Excellency's minute to the Executive Council, dated the 23rd June last, with reference to the release of the prisoner Gardiner, because it is indefensible in certain of its allegations, and because if it is considered to be an answer to the respectful and earnest petitions of the people, it is highly undesirable to convert the records of this House into a means of conveying censure or reproof to our constituents, and if it refers to the discussion in this Chamber, then it is in spirit and effect a breach of the constitutional privileges of Parliament."

TO THE ELECTORS OF CANTERBURY.

GENTLEMEN,—Having informed you that I am a candidate for the representation of your electorate I honour you with my political views. As regards a new Electoral Bill, which will no doubt be one of the earliest measures which will be brought before the next Parliament, I will give my support to any measure which will give a better and fairer representation to the various electorates, and that will give this question a fair and equitable basis, and I will strongly support any measure that will make the Legislative Council elective. The land law of the colony is defective, and I believe that the Act wants amending, so that further facilities should be given to persons desirous of acquiring the Government lands. The Stamp Act I am glad to say lapses at the end of the year, and I will oppose any attempt to renew this obnoxious and vexatious duty. I would advocate the further extension of railways into the country districts, so that the resources of the colony may be opened up and more fully developed. Municipal institutions, and especially the suburban municipalities (of which you have more in your electorate than any other) should have an increased and more permanent endowment. I having been an alderman for one of the municipalities in your electorate, I therefore have a knowledge of the wants of the municipal bodies. On the question of education I consider the Public Schools Act has done good, but I believe that it needs some further amendments; and would support any measure that would make education—National and Unsectarian—so that every child may be upon the same platform, and be in possession of a good literary knowledge and taught to love one another, and not have any of those sectarian animosities against each other; and that it should be free for every child in the colony. I believe that the Government should act the parental part in seeing that every child is provided with a sound primary education; at the same time we must pay due respect to the vested interests in Denominational schools created under the Public Schools Act. I cannot see how it could be made compulsory in this colony amongst a scattered population. Should I not be able to address you in all parts personally, I solicit your vote and interest.

Yours faithfully,
AARON WHEELER.

Petersham, December 14th, 1874.

TO J. S. SMITH, Esq.

SIR,—We, the undersigned electors of Wellington, feeling every confidence in your representation of this electorate in the late Parliament, respectfully invite you to become a candidate for the electorate of Wellington at the forthcoming election, and pledge ourselves to use our utmost interest to secure your return.

John A. Gardiner	W. B. Simpson
Joseph Aarons	P. Lynch
Edward Kater	Thomas Shaughnessy
R. T. B. Gedden	Keighran Bracken
Joseph Leeds	W. H. Forwood
H. Murray	Jos. Matthews
W. Bracken	W. Allen
John Jones	John Ward
Andrew Donn	Michael O'Shea
W. Lavender	George O'Shea
John Proctor	Patrick O'Shea
A. G. B. Paton	John Lees
Thomas Cashell	Patrick Donnelly
John Mylecharane	T. S. Rutter
Francis Colreavy	H. B. Johnson
P. Donaghoe, sen.	Moses Baker
James Sibbald	John Whitely
M. M'Dermott	John Dowd
James Harris	Robert Bell
John Harris	Henry Fall
Narcisse Muller	Frank Waters
Robert Dunsmore	Henry Hart
Dan. O'Connel	John Cavanah
James T. Hertslet	James M'Hugh
William Madden	William Bailey
John Clements	William Tobin
Thomas Welton	John Wilson
James Clifford	R. William Heard
George Baker	R. A. Plumley
W. Gaune	Thomas Sutton
T. Gaune	James Harvey
Thomas Rice	William Rushby
James Thompson	Kayran Robinson
Thomas Wilson	H. W. Nancarrow
W. G. Way	D. Hull
Thos. E. M'Loughlin	Thomas Arnell
S. W. Way	John Wilson
William M'Kenna	Edward Smith
W. Selwyn King	W. Gardiner
W. F. Wynne	W. Stanley
P. Madden	James Breese
H. Madden	Joseph Cowling
Peter Maccallan	M. O'Meara
E. J. Matthews	William M'Millan
M. Colreavy, sen.	John Reidy
Michael Colreavy	John Corrigan
John Brien, jun.	John Connell
John Brien, sen.	William Connell
Elijah England	James M'Grath
J. W. Turner	Luke Hone
James Lowry	David Tait
Thomas Clare	John Fanning
James Dutton	A. Arniel
George Johnson	Daniel Kennedy
Samuel Sloan	

Mamre, South Creek, December 5th, 1874.

To the Gentlemen signing the Requisition.

Gentlemen,—I feel greatly flattered by receiving such an influential requisition at your hands.

It is a great consolation to me to know that my past conduct, as your representative, has received your approval.

If you do me the honour of again returning me to Parliament, I shall still be actuated by the same good intentions that have hitherto guided me, and serve you to the utmost of my ability.

It is my intention shortly to visit you, when I trust to be able to give you all a satisfactory account of my conduct, and more particularly the vote I gave which assisted to bring about the present dissolution, and placed in your hands the power of again returning a member to represent you.

Gentlemen, I have much pleasure in accepting your invitation and in placing my services at your disposal.

I have the honour to be,
Your faithful servant,
JOHN S. SMITH.

TO THE ELECTORS OF ARGYLE.

GENTLEMEN,—The Assembly having been dissolved in consequence of its vindication of its own privileges, and of the right of the people to have their meetings and petitions constitutionally respected by the Queen's representative, I am once more a Candidate for your suffrages.

You have already done me the honour of electing me three times without opposition. My political opinions are still the same as they were on each of those occasions.

The Land question, which is the most important question of the day, has been too long postponed, and must be speedily settled by the next Parliament. It is, consequently, very necessary now that the country should elect as their representatives men who, refusing class partizanship, hold sound and reliable opinions upon this question. When a member of the Upper House I voted for our present Land Law. Time has since exposed in its details defects which require amendment, but I continue to approve of its essential provisions. I continue also to entertain the opinion that the scope of this enactment should be enlarged for the purpose of giving increased facilities for the acquisition of freehold homesteads throughout the country.

The princely revenue derived from our Crown Lands is for the most part disbursed in current expenditure. We are spending our capital without very materially improving our estate. We are paying heavy interest upon loans which a right use of this same revenue would have, in a great measure, prevented. I hold the opinion that our land revenue should, for the most part, be set aside for public works of a permanent character, in all parts of the country.

You are well aware of the difficulty of getting back from the Treasury the taxes which are paid indirectly for local expenditure. This money is the subject of much unseemly scrambling, of not a little venal voting, every session, yet is, after all, doled out in driblets extremely inadequate to local necessities. The obvious remedy for this method of expenditure is an enlarged and fairly endowed system of municipal self-government.

I am a supporter of the present system of Public Education. Rightly administered, I believe it is well adapted to the wants and opinions of the people.

In everything appertaining to your local interests I have done all in my power to serve you. I do not recollect a single instance of my failing to attend to your communications on local subjects. That success has not always been the result of such attention, and that official delays have often supervened, ought not to be set down to the default of any representative.

In the event of your doing me the honour to elect me, I can only repeat my promise to serve you and the country at large faithfully, to the best of my ability.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
E. BUTLER.

ELECTORATE OF CENTRAL CUMBERLAND.

TO JOSEPH WEARNE, Esq., Sydney.

SIR,—We, the undersigned, Electors of the Electoral District of Central Cumberland, respectfully request you to allow yourself to be placed in Nomination for this Electorate, and we pledge ourselves to use every exertion to secure your return.

John Woods	Alfred Wilson
F. K. Olliver	John Taylor
George Whiteford	James Eldridge
William Stimpson	E. Holland
Edward Whittaker	and others.

To Messrs. John Woods, William Stimpson, John Taylor, F. K. Olliver, Edward Whittaker, James Eldridge, George Whiteford, Alfred Wilson, Rev. E. Holland, and others.

GENTLEMEN,—Immediately the election for West Sydney was over, I resolved that I would not again offer myself as a candidate for any electorate. Having, however, been invited by nine constituencies, I have yielded to the advice and urgent wishes of my friends and have great pleasure in complying with the request contained in your numerously signed and influential requisition, to allow myself to be nominated as a candidate for Central Cumberland.

My address to the electors of West Sydney contains the general principles that I hold, and have hitherto advocated. Purposing to visit every portion of the electorate prior to the election, you will have an opportunity of ascertaining from me my views on the various political questions of the day.

I have the honour to be, &c., &c.,
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CHICORY—Barry's
RED WINE—in quarters, dark colour, and also Masden, in hogsheads and quarters
BRANDY—Martell's pale, in cases
BULK ALE—No. 4 Bass's, in hogsheads
PORTER—bottled by Byass, capsuled with trade mark
TOBACCOS—Cameron's, Raven, and Cable twist; Signet and Orion 10's
OILMEN'S STORES—Colman's Starch, Mustards, Blue
CURRANTS—New fruit, in barrels and cases
TEAS—Ex R. S. Robertson, all qualities
TEAS—New seasons, ex Catherine Marden
LEAD—3, 2½, 4, 5, 6 lb. sheet lead
RUM—Lowndes's, in hogsheads and quarters
VINEGAR—Burnett's, bulk
CASE BRANDY—Martell's
BULK BRANDY—Martell's pale and dark
CHAMPAGNE
CANDLES—De Roubaix 5-medal
Blankenheyn's Aromatic Schnappe
COARSE SALT and Rock Salt
MORTON'S SALMON
MORTON'S RED HERRINGS
BOTTLED ALE—Bass's and Devenish's, by Byass, Allsop's, Tennents', capsuled, with trade mark
MUNTZ' METAL and NAILS
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Claret, case	Woolbagging
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BRANDY—Martell's dark and pale, in hogsheads and quarter-casks; Central Society's pale 1872, in hogsheads, quarter-casks, and flasks—and old pale 1850, in quarter-casks
WHISKY—Mitchell's old Irish and Scotch, in bulk and case; and Burke's old Irish, in case
GENEVA—"Key" (plain), 3 6-32 gallons
WINES—Kenneth Mackenzie's Port and Sherry, finest to ordinary, in bulk and case
BOTTLED ALE—Tennent's, Ind, Coope, and Co.'s, and M'Ewan's, in quarts and pints
BULK ALE—M'Ewan's
BITTERS—Pomegranate (in small phials)
HOPS—Tasmanian, in prime condition
CANVAS—in bales assorted, Nos. 1 to 3, of different qualities
WOOLPACKS—full 10½ lbs., open at end and side
WOOLBAGGING—best 28 and 29 inch
CORNSACKS—full 2½ lbs.
CANDLES—De Roubaix Jenar's and "Apollo"
TWINE—best seaming, in bales and trusses
FENCING WIRE—Richard Johnson and Nephew's, Nos. 6 and 8, to arrive
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THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE ON SALE
BRANDY—Martell's dark and pale in bulk; Hennessy's pale and C. V. P. dark and pale in bulk and case.
RUM—Lowndes and R. W. Preston's 30 o.p., Old Jamaica 10 o.p., in quarter-casks.
WHISKY—IRISH, Jameson, Shamrock, and Jameson's old in bulk; Kinahan's and Mitchell's in bulk and case; Dunville's in case.
SCOTCH, Beith Ross, Campbelton and Glenlivet in bulk; Kirkliston in case.
OLD TOM—Lowndes's and Burnett's.
GENEVA—Key and JDKZ, capsuled and labelled or plain; all sizes.
SHERRIES—Garvey's, Davies, and other good wines; all qualities in bulk and case.
PORTS—Graham's, Cockburn's, Martinez, &c.; all qualities in bulk and case.
CHAMPAGNES—Roederer's, Piper's, Clicquot's, Moet's, Heidsieck's, &c.; Deinhard's No. 2 Moselle.
HOCK—Deinhard's Squat Gold Leaf, Erbach Nairstein, Hockheim and Marcobrunn.
CLARET—St. Julien, De Luze's Capsule and Red Seal
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TO SPORTSMEN.—The undersigned have just landed, for the ensuing season, a shipment of cartridge cases for breech-loading shot guns charged with REEVE'S PATENT GUN FELT, the advantages of which are well known.
AMMUNITION of every description, best quality.
Cartridge-making implements, new principle; bags, pouches, sportsmen's appliances of all kinds.
Single and double barrel guns, rifles, and FIREARMS of every description. The largest stock in the colonies on view for selection.
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BULK ALE—Bass's celebrated Ale, Nos. 3 and 4, in hogsheads
BOTTLED ALE—Ditto, ditto, ditto, bottled by Cameron and Saunders, quarts and pints
Ditto ditto, by London B. B. Co.
BOTTLED PORTER—Barclay's Stout, bottled by London B. B. Co., quarts and pints, and Byass' Porter, quarts and pints
BRANDY—Rizat's Pale and Dark, in quarters
CASE BRANDY—Lecoq, Freres, 2, 4, and 9 years old Rowlatt, Freres
GENEVA—Key brand, capsuled, and labelled, various contents
Nectar des Princes, in 1-dozen cases, crystal bottles
BITTERS—Swain Bord's orange bitters, and Angostura
WINDOW GLASS—Small assorted invoice, 10 x 8 to 18 x 12
PLATE-GLASS—96 x 32 to 132 x 72; window, glass 10 x 8 to 18 x 12
SEWING-MACHINES—assorted invoice
CHAMPAGNE—B. and E. Perrier's, Cabinet, Dry and Mosseaux's, in quarts and pints
BURGUNDY—Palack, Frères, superior, Chambertin, Beaume and Nuits
SHERRIES—Admiral Pinzon's, in quarters and octaves
Page's fine dry Amontillado, in quarters and octaves
Various qualities, in quarters and octaves
PORT—Ditto ditto, in quarter-casks
CLARET—Low to superior qualities Chateau Yquem
DUNDEE GOODS—Finest hand-sewn red-stripe woolpacks, full 10½ lbs.
Cornsacks, red-stripe, full 2½ lbs.
Woolbagging, ditto, 27 to 29 inch
Bran Bags; light-weight Cornsacks
Ore Bags, hemp and flax, sewed with tarred twine
BLUE—Ehrensperger's light Laundry Blue, in small boxes
SAUCE—Lea and Perrins' celebrated Worcester, in pints and half-pints
CEMENT—Knight, Bevan, and Sturge's Portland Cement
FIREARMS—Double Barrel Fowling-pieces, Rifles, &c.
CANDLES—De Roubaix, Jenar, and Co.'s 5-medal
IRON—Phillips and Hill's 26 G Galvanised Iron, 5 to 9 feet
TEAS—Very superior Gunpowder and Young Hyson
MOULDINGS—An assorted invoice of Room and Picture Mouldings
LAMP CHIMNEYS — A and B Lip, and B Slip Chimneys.
FISH—Finest Dry Ling, in puncheons
Herrings, in half-barrels
Kensett's 1-lb. Tin Oysters
Morill's 1-lb. Lobsters
CHICORY—Barry and Co.'s in 2-cwt. cases
SALT—Coarse Liverpool in strong Sacks
HORROCKSES' Longcloths, A, B, and H
IRON—Phillips and Hill's plain Galvanised Iron, 22, 24, 26, and 28 gauge
OILS—Hubbuck's Boiled and Raw, in drums
Hora's half-pint Castors
Castor Oil, in tins
FRUIT—Elemés and Muscatels
COPLAND'S OILSTORES—Pickles, Fruits, Capers, Sauces, Oils, &c.
HOLLOWARE—An assorted invoice of Findlay and Co.'s manufacture
ZINC—In casks, Nos. 8, 9, and 10
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MONTEFIORE, JOSEPH, and CO.,
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Messrs. LANGTONS, SCOTT, and EDDEN will be happy to execute all indents forwarded to them through the undersigned.
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THE UNDERSIGNED have on SALE and to arrive.
Ale and stout, in bulk and bottle, Arrol's
Ale, in bottle, Bass' and Allsopp's
Stout, in bottle, Guinness's
Brandy, various brands
Whisky, ditto, in bulk and bottle
Geneva—Crown brand
Limejuice cordial
Earthenware, china, and glass
Sodawater bottles, in crates and casks
Chandeliers
Globes, kerosene and gas
Firebricks
Slates, Countess
Corks, assorted
White lead and paints
Musical instruments
Ironmongery, general assortment
Holloware, tinned and enamelled
Gas tubes
Mouldings
Floorcloths
Canvas, tarpaulin, &c.
Woolpacks, full-weights
Seaming and shop twine, &c.
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Patent roofing felt—Anderson's.
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THE UNDERSIGNED are prepared to make liberal CASH ADVANCES on Wool, Tallow, Tin, Copper, &c., consigned to their friends, Messrs. Robert Mason and Co., London.
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INDENTS.—The undersigned are prepared to execute Indents for goods of every description, on the most favourable terms, through their own houses, Robert Mason and Co., London, and G. and R. Mason, Glasgow, and their agents in Great Britain and the Continent.
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Machine Brushes of every description made to order.
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BRANDIES in bulk, Martell's pale and dark
Hennessy's ditto ditto
C. S. V. Proprietors' ditto ditto
Bisquit, De Bouchie, and Co.'s, in hogsheads, quarter-casks, and octaves
Associated ditto ditto
DITTO in cases, Martell's, Hennessy's, Hennessy's * * *, Associated, C. S. V. Proprietors', Otard's, Renault's, &c., &c.
RUM—Lowndes', Queensland
DITTO—Red Heart, Lowndes', and Heddle's, in case
GENEVA—JDKZ, all sizes, and Full Proof
Key, ditto, ditto
Ditto capsuled and labelled, ditto
AROMATIC GENEVA, in 1-dozen cases
WHISKY—Scotch, Irish, and Hazleburn, in bulk
DITTO, in case—Stewart's, Dunville's, Preston's "Lorne"
OLD TOM—Ditto, Burnett's, Lowndes'
GINGER WINE—Bernard's, Thompson's
PORT WINE—1 to 5 diamond, and others
SHERRY DITTO—Cosens' ditto ditto, ditto
PORT, in case—Butler's, Hooper's, &c.
SHERRY, ditto—Masonic, Amontillado, &c.
CLARET, ditto—St. Julien's, A. de Luze, &c.
CHAMPAGNE—Various brands
ABSYNTHE—Lepelletier's, Neilly Pratt
VERMOUTH—Noilly Pratt
SCHNAPPS—Wolfe's Schiedam, pints and quarts
BITTERS—Hostetter's, Stoughton, and Orange
SARSAPARILLA—Townsend's, Bristol's, and Buchan's
MARASCHINO, Curaçoa
ALE, in bulk—Marrian's and Allsopp's
DITTO, bottled, Blood's and Foster's, pints and quarts
PORTER, bulk—Taylor's, Whitbread's
DITTO, bottled—Blood, Wolfe, and Co.'s, Byass's, Barclay's, Guinness', and Pig
OILMEN'S STORES—Pickles, Mustard, Sauces, Vinegar, Curry, Jams, Marmalades, Currants, Jellies, and Bottled Fruits
CANDLES—De Roubaix Jenar and Co., Brandon's 3-medal, and other brands
FRUITS—Elemés and Sultana Raisins, Currants, Apples, Prunes
NUTS—Barcelona, Walnuts, S. S. Almonds, and Jordan Almonds
FISH—Herrings, pickled and red; Fresh Salmon, Oysters, Lobsters, Sardines; Ling, in cases; Pickled Salmon and Kippered Herrings
WOOLPACKS—3-bushel Bags and Seaming Twine
MANILA ROPE—All sizes, from ½ to 5½ inches
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CORKS—Wine, Lemonade, and Gingerbeer
HOPS—Kent and Sussex, small pockets, 1870
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HOLLOWAY'S MEDICINES, in small assorted cases
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Barratt's 10's in bond and duty paid
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Dunn's superfine flour
Ditto fine ditto
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CORNSACKS—Full 2½ lbs.
ROCK SALT
LIVERPOOL SALT
TINNED SALMON—Hapgood Hume's, 1 and 2 lb. tins
SPICED OYSTERS—Kensett's, 1-lb. tins
HOPS—Mid Kent
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GENERAL SUMMARY.

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As the late Border Customs convention was abrogated at the instance of the Victorian Government, it is but right, as Mr. Parkes has frequently asserted, that the first steps towards the renewal of negotiations on the subject should come from that side of the Border, and that view has probably had its influence in leading the committee of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce to take up the question, and to seek an interview with their Government upon it. The propositions agreed to by the committee as a sort of basis of action indicate a certain want of thoroughness or want of appreciation of the real nature of the difficulty. The first proposition is that a Customs' Union, with a uniformity of tariffs, or if that be impossible, without it, would be the best solution. Can the committee be in earnest in talking of a Customs' Union, while our policy is free trade, and that of Victoria is protection? But if uniformity is to be the basis, how is it to be attained? Are we to march backwards, or is Victoria to take steps in advance until her tariff reaches our level? This is not a matter of arrangement between the two Governments, but a broad question of fiscal legislation for Parliament and people to determine; and the first duty of the Chamber of Commerce is to fight the battle of free trade, and to endeavour to create a healthy condition of feeling and opinion upon that point in Victoria. Why does not the Chamber, as a beginning, set on foot an agitation for the repeal of the grain duties, for instance—a step that would, if successful, at once remove one of the main causes of dissatisfaction on our Southern Border? A return to the old system of paying a bulk sum annually in lieu of duties, is suggested by the committee; but, "in view of the difficulty which led to the abrogation of the last treaty," it is proposed that manufactured tobacco should be specially excluded from the operation of the new treaty. But the late treaty was abrogated on account of the abolition of the ad valorem duties, as well as on account of the tobacco trade, which had already been withdrawn from the operation of that treaty by notice before the treaty itself was brought to an end. Another suggestion is that opium, silks, and jewellery should not be sent by the Victorian Government to the Border in bond, lest they should be recrossed after paying our lower duty; and that mutual provision should be made for treating as contraband any goods found to be sent over the Border, and recrossed for the purpose of evading duty. What is this but an additional argument showing that the real object for which the Chamber should strive is the reform of the Victorian tariff? If it were not for her heavy tariff, Victoria would have no reason to fear that goods would be sent in bond across our Border to be recrossed for sale and consumption in that colony. The phrase "mutual provision" is surely inserted for appearance sake only. What have we to fear or provide against on that score?

A paper read the other day by Mr. James Manning, before the Royal Society of New South Wales, gives a sketch of a new project—in addition to those already before the public—that may be submitted to the judgment of the hydraulic engineer who is to come from England to deal with this question. The proposed gathering ground is Madden's Plains, near the upper source of the Loddon and Cataract Rivers, where a high-delivery reservoir could be constructed by a dam forty-six feet in height, supplying Sydney by means of gravitation mains from 1050 feet elevation. Supplies could also be drawn from Mount Keira, and Mount Kembla, behind Bulli. For low delivery it is proposed to dam the Port Hacking river, at a point 149 feet above the sea level. The water could be brought down by three miles of tunnel, four of open aqueduct, and thence a distance of about twenty-eight miles to Sydney by wrought-iron or steel mains. The supply is estimated at 12,000,000 gallons daily, and the cost at about £600,000. But it should be added that the carrying out of the idea is made to a large extent dependent upon the construction of the proposed Illawarra railway, which would take the mains across Cook's River and George's River. The Water Commission spent some time on the Loddon plateau, but appear to have overlooked Port Hacking Creek.

The example set by Mr. Hughes and Mr. Elder in South Australia has been followed in Victoria upon a still more liberal scale by Mr. Samuel Wilson, the wealthy squatter, of Ercildoun, who has placed unconditionally at the disposal of the authorities of the Melbourne University a sum of £30,000, for the erection of a hall in keeping with the design of the present buildings. Mr. Wilson, having spent nearly a quarter of a century in Victoria, and his exertions having been successful far beyond his expectations, his desire was to apply a sum of money to a purpose of a public nature which would testify in a permanent manner the interest he felt in the welfare of the colony. His thoughts turned to the charitable and benevolent institutions: but these he considered sufficiently cared for by the State and by individual charity, the cultivation of which it would be unwise to discourage. The Churches were prosperous, and on the whole well supported. At one time he inclined towards the establishment of a permanent fund for the collection of art treasures. But at last he concluded that the University was the institution most worthy of his aid. And, as the most urgent want of the University was a hall in which to hold the matriculation examinations and the periodical assemblies for the granting of degrees, he handed over the sum named in the hope that it would, judiciously expended, build a hall sufficient for the requirements of the institution. This is truly what we are in the habit of terming a princely gift, though it would seem that the term is applied on the *lucus a non lucendo* principle, as gifts of such magnitude are the exception rather than the rule on the part of princes. Sir Redmond Barry, Chancellor of the Melbourne University, in making public Mr. Wilson's letter, remarks that this instance of large-hearted bounty is well worthy of imitation, and that there are many in the community who have also amassed wealth, who might well by similar liberality render material assistance to the educational institutions of the country.

The adventures of Sullivan, accomplice of Burgess, Kelly, and Levy, in the Maungatapu murders about nine years ago, afford a remarkable commentary upon the policy of remitting sentences upon the condition of exile. The Melbourne authorities have determined to send him back to New Zealand, with a warning not to return to Victoria under penalty of three years in irons. There is, to say the least, something unneighbourly in the policy of transferring to other communities the risk of a relapse into crime on the part of offenders liberated before expiration of term of sentence. It may be that some offenders are less likely to return to crime, and more likely to lead a new life, where they are unknown than where they are well known; but in other instances, and with crimes of a certain class, the chances are in the other direction. Sometime ago, Mr. Justice Hargrave, in objecting to a change of venue in the trial of a case that had its origin at Wagga Wagga, said, "let every district consume its own smoke." That would be a very wholesome rule in the matter of discharged criminals.

POLITICAL.

THE closing session of Parliament was of short duration—less than a month having elapsed between the date of its first meeting and the dissolution on the 28th ultimo. The Assembly had quietly settled down to business, and the Electoral Act, which most people thought would have occupied two or three months, was passed in one night by the timely concession on the part of the Government to demands for additional representation from quarters where up to the last moment it had been strenuously resisted. In yielding to the pressure put upon them by the representatives of particular electorates, it is possible the Government may have seen reason to change their opinions; but the strong presumption is that a desire to get the bill through easily was influential in bringing about the concessions which were so suddenly and unexpectedly made. Some electorates may have cause for disappointment that the bill did not pass into law, but the constituencies, as a whole, have no need to regret the delay which has occurred, for the anomalies which would have been perpetuated were numerous and glaring. The new Parliament will now have an opportunity of dealing with the question in a manner which will be complete and far more satisfactory than that proposed in Mr. Parkes's Amending Bill.

The Treasurer had delivered one of the most glowing financial statements to which it has been the lot of the New South Wales Parliament to listen; the murmurings about the mismanagement of the Pacific Mail Service had almost died away, and everything promised well for an uninterrupted and prosperous Administration of affairs by the Government at the date of our last summary. In the course of a few days, however, the political situation became complicated, and the State coach was unexpectedly overturned, but, in the judgment of many, the capsize was as much attributable to the bad generalship of the Premier as to the tactics of the Opposition. On the 24th ultimo Mr. Combes moved the House into Committee of the Whole to consider the minute of his Excellency the Governor respecting the release of the prisoner Gardiner, laid, by command, on the table of the House on the day of its last prorogation. The resolution was moved in a speech characterised by so much bad taste, if not positive ill nature, that many members were disposed to take up a position of hostility to the motion, if only to mark their disapprobation of the manner in which they were asked to approach the consideration of the grave constitutional question involved. Had Mr. Parkes waited to see the terms of the motion to be submitted in committee instead of at once threatening to send the House about its business, the country would probably have been saved the trouble of a general election at the present time when in the absence of supply, it is attended with so much loss and inconvenience to the public service. The House had at most but a few months to live, and dissolution therefore was shorn of its terrors. The announcement that the Government would accept the motion as one of censure had the effect of rousing the independence of hon. members, many of whom were as strongly impelled by a determination to assert their superiority to the dictation of the Premier, as by a conviction of the propriety of the course the hon. member for Bathurst invited them to take.

The minute of his Excellency was addressed to the Executive Council, and it had reference to petitions and memorials addressed to him in favour of the mitigation of the prisoner's sentence. His Excellency stated that he had viewed these representations "in connection with the public discussions which have recently taken place on the same subject," and towards the close of the minute his Excellency informed the Executive that if, with the opinions he held on the subject, he were to retain the prisoner in gaol beyond the time specified for his liberation, he would be doing so simply in response to "clamour" which he believed to be "unreasonable and unjust." At the close of last session of Parliament, his Excellency, in the prorogation speech, was made to express his regret that the Legislative Council had not taken a particular course in regard to certain measures of the Government, and the minute which his responsible advisers laid before Parliament in regard to what is known as the Rossi case, contains reflections of a most irritating character, upon the action of the members of a Select Committee, whose report the Assembly had adopted. In view of these circumstances, many members of the House considered that the conduct of the Administration in thus systematically bringing the representative of the Queen into conflict with Parliament, ought not to be further tolerated; and in Committee of the Whole they carried the following resolution upon the subject by 28 votes to 27.

"1. That this Committee regrets that the Governor should have been advised to communicate to this Assembly his Excellency's minute to the Executive Council, dated the 23rd June last, with reference to the release of the prisoner Gardiner. Because it is indefensible in certain of its allegations, and because if it is considered to be an answer to the respectful and earnest petitions of the people, it is highly undesirable to convert the records of this House into a means of conveying censure or reproof to our constituents; and if it refers to the discussions in this Chamber, then it is in spirit and effect a breach of the constitutional privileges of Parliament. 2. That this be communicated by address to his Excellency the Governor."

The resolution was not adopted by the House, but was only negatived by the casting vote of the Speaker. Mr. Parkes accepted the vote as a defeat, and the House at once adjourned. When hon. members met within the precincts of the House at 4 o'clock the next day (Thursday, November 26), they found that Parliament had been prorogued to the 29th December; and on Saturday afternoon the proclamation dissolving Parliament was issued.

The writs for the new elections were not published until the Tuesday following, and as the nomination for East Sydney and the electorates in which the Ministers were candidates were fixed within a week of the date of publication of the writ, the Government afforded but scant opportunity for organised opposition. A similar manipulation of the electoral arrangements in favour of the Ministerial canvass took place at the last general election, but on that occasion Mr. Parkes denounced the procedure in language of unmeasured condemnation, and he went the length of bringing in a bill to make the recurrence of such an abuse of power impossible. It is not a little singular that Mr. Parkes should be the first Minister to copy the bad example which at the time and subsequently he reprobated with so much virtuous indignation.

The Colonial Secretary was the only Minister whose advertisement to the electors contained anything more than the bare announcement of his candidature: and the document was the most faulty of any of the hon. gentleman's productions in that line. He set out by telling the electors of East Sydney that those who voted against the Government on Mr. Combes's motion would not find it easy to justify their conduct by "fact or reason;" but it so happens that the Premier and his colleagues have shown a remarkable reticence on the subject of the Governor's minute; and that the "designing and unscrupulous persons" to whom Mr. Parkes refers are the only individuals who have had the temerity to explain and defend their conduct in this regard. Mr. Parkes went on to refer to the prosperous condition of the colony during his administration, and he wrote: "If our opponents tell you that the present Government cannot take credit for these results my answer is that no such results ever followed the long possession of power by former Governments." Mr. Parkes forgot that the tide of prosperity had set in some months before Sir James Martin left office, and that the overflowing exchequer which it has been the good fortune of his Treasurer to have at command was produced by causes entirely removed from the sphere of action of any Government. Prosperous seasons for the agriculturists, the high price of wool in the English markets, the stupendous finds of gold in the Western district, the magnificent discoveries of tin in the north, and the largely-increased demand which has sprung up for our coal in various parts of the world, and the cheap grass of Riverina, have each and all augmented the population of the colony and increased the spending power of the people to an extent almost without precedent. Mr. Parkes's critics were not slow to point out that the Premier appeared to have got rid of the notion of Divine Providence in human affairs completely to his own satisfaction; and the people to whom he appeals have simply laughed at the absurdity and vanity of his pretensions.

When Parliament met on the 3rd ultimo, the Governor was made to say:—

"My advisers, having due regard to the Act of last session originated in the Legislative Assembly to abridge the term of its own existence, will abstain from laying before you any measures of a comprehensive character except such as have already been submitted for your consideration, in order that the sense of the constituencies may be taken at the earliest convenient date on the several large questions now waiting to be determined. Among the principal of these may be included a thorough reform of the abuses of the present land system, improvements in the law for the establishing municipalities, the construction of cheap railways, and such an extension of the provisions of the Public Schools Act as will bring the benefits of education within the reach of every family. In the present state of political affairs it is obvious that measures so momentously affecting the public welfare should be submitted to the judgment of the electors."

We are now in the midst of a general election, but none of these measures have been submitted to the judgment of the electors; nor have the utterances of the Ministers given any clear or definite indication of the policy of the next session. Under these circumstances it is not to be wondered at that a large amount of confusion exists in the public mind; and, seeing that the issue upon which Parliament was dissolved has been practically abandoned by the Government—the electors have chiefly forced questions of local expenditure into prominence, and most of the candidates have considered it a matter of supreme importance that they should prove either that they have actually obtained from the public Treasury more money for local improvements than any of their predecessors, or that they will, when elected, have the power to do so. The question of education has also been largely discussed at the Sydney elections; and although the Government and the clergy of the Anglican and Roman Catholic communions have strenuously resisted the demand for such an extension of the Public Schools Act as will bring about a system that shall be "national, secular, compulsory, and free," yet it is obvious that the agitation for reform which was originated a few months ago has taken a strong hold upon the community. There is no immediate prospect of the whole programme of the Public Schools League being carried out. Several of the elected candidates adhere to those opinions, but the majority of the new House inclines to more moderate instalments of reform.

The practice which has obtained in the arrangements of Government by which the elections which are likely to favour the Ministry are placed first is apt to delude those who would estimate the general feeling of the country by the first results. Of the seventy-two members who will compose the next Parliament, thirty-six have been elected. Of the dozen candidates who offered themselves to the electors of East Sydney, Mr. Parkes was almost the only well-known politician on the list, and he was elected at the head of the poll. Of the three candidates whom he recommended to the notice of the electors one retired on the eve of the nomination, and the other two members of his bunch stood sixth and ninth on the poll. Of the other members elected Mr. Macintosh, who voted against the Government on Mr. Combes' resolution, polled within two hundred votes of Mr. Parkes; and Mr. Alexander Stuart and Mr. John Davies, who stood third and fourth on the list of elected members, have generally been politically opposed to the hon. gentleman at the head of the Government. The electors of West Sydney placed the leader of the Opposition (Mr. John Robertson) at the head of the poll; Mr. G. R. Dibbs, an avowed opponent of the Government, stood second. Mr. H. C. Dangar, who expressed disapproval of the Governor's minute, stood third, the fourth seat being secured by Mr. Angus Cameron, who obtained the fifth place on the poll for East Sydney, where he contested, as an independent candidate, in opposition to the Government bunch. Mr. Cooper, who was bunched with Mr. Parkes for East Sydney, but retired on the night before the nomination, was also a candidate for West Sydney. He was the only candidate who declared in favour of the Governor's minute, and who came forward as an avowed supporter of the Government. He stood eighth on the poll, there being less than 500 votes recorded in his favour. Mr. W. Forster came forward as a candidate for East Sydney on the day before the nomination, and the fact that, without the aid of any committee or electioneering machinery whatever, 1500 votes were recorded in his favour, may be considered on the whole as a tribute on the part of the public to his ability. His defeat cannot be accounted for by the vote he gave in favour of Mr. Combes's motion.

The Minister for Works (the Hon. John Sutherland), was elected without opposition, and the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction obtained a majority of nearly five hundred votes. The Treasurer (the Hon. G. A. Lloyd) had a hot contest at Newcastle, where he was opposed on local grounds; and the Minister for Lands (the Hon. J. S. Farnell) was rejected for Parramatta, merely it would *seem* on account of local considerations. He has since been elected for St. Leonards, by a majority of nearly four hundred votes. Among the other candidates returned are Mr. S. C. Brown (unopposed), Mr. Teece (unopposed), Mr. Greville (unopposed), and Mr. Warden (unopposed), who voted for Mr. Combes's motion, and Mr. J. C. Byrnes, who strongly condemned the Governor's minute; and, on the other hand, the following gentlemen, who voted with the Government on that occasion, have been re-elected:—Mr. W. M. Arnold (the Speaker of the late Assembly), Mr. R. B. Smith (unopposed), Mr. Hurley (unopposed), for Narellan, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. R. Driver, Mr. L. Nelson, Mr. S. Scholey, Mr. H. Taylor, and Mr. J. A. Cunneen. Other members returned are Mr. Thomas Brown (unopposed), Mr. Phelps (unopposed), and Mr. W. C. Browne, who did not vote on the occasion, but two of whom must be reckoned as supporters of the Administration. The other members elected are Mr. Charles, in place of Mr. John Stewart, who voted with the Government on Mr. Combes's motion, Mr. R. Wisdom, Mr. Stevens, Mr. S. S. Goold, Major Shepherd, and Mr. J. J. Wright. Mr. Wisdom succeeds Mr. J. Campbell in the representation of Morpeth. Mr. Campbell voted with the Government on Mr. Combes' motion, and gave them a steady support. Mr. Campbell did not contest the election. Mr. Stevens displaced Mr. Hannell in the representation of Northumberland. Mr. Hannell voted with the Government on Mr. Coombes's motion, and had the advantage of their support in the election. Mr. Goold (the late Mayor of Sydney) defeated Mr. P. A. Jennings in the contest for Mudgee, which was represented in the late Parliament by Mr. J. G. O'Connor. Mr. O'Connor voted against the Government on Mr. Combes's motion, but both Mr. Goold and Mr. Jennings declared their disapproval of the Governor's minute. Major Shepherd succeeds Mr. Single in the representation of the Nepean; and Mr. J. J. Wright follows Mr. De Salis, jun., as the member for Queanbeyan. Mr. W. Forster was a candidate for this constituency, but was defeated by a majority of 100 votes. In one of his late speeches, Mr. Parkes declared that he did not want the support of those singularly independent men, who voted with the Government only when they thought the Government was right; and it is probably in a large measure owing to this deliverance that we find nearly all the candidates declaring that they will not go into the House as party men, and that they will only support a Government so long as they approve of its measures.

THE ANNEXATION OF FIJI—BANQUET TO SIR HERCULES ROBINSON.

THE banquet given to his Excellency the Governor in celebration of the annexation of the Fiji Islands to the British Empire took place on the 15th instant, at the Merchants' Dining Hall, Exchange. Besides the guests there were also present Vunivalu, ex-King of Fiji, and his two sons, Ratu Timoci and Ratu Joe, who were dessed in the costume of the islands, and attracted a good deal of interest and attention while the company were awaiting the summons to the dining-room. The banquet (served *à la Russe*) was provided by Mr. Gannon, of the Exchange Hotel, and was perfect in every detail. The wines were also of excellent quality. The hall was very tastefully decorated with ferns and other plants from the Botanic Gardens, and a choice collection of pot plants from the garden of Mr. Henry Prince was placed upon the tables. A few minutes after 7 o'clock, his Excellency the Governor (accompanied by the ex-King of Fiji and his sons) arrived, and the company, to the number of about 120, at once took their seats. The Hon. John Hay (President of the Legislative Council) occupied the chair, having on his right the guest of the evening and the Hon. Henry Parkes (Colonial Secretary), and on his left Vunivalu, and the ex-King's chaplain. The Hon. J. L. Montefiore occupied the vice-chair. The following gentlemen were also present, namely:—The Hon. G. A. Lloyd (Colonial Treasurer), the Hon. Saul Samuel (Postmaster-General), the Hon. J. G. L. Innes (Attorney-General), the Hon. John Sutherland (Minister for Public Works), the Hon. G. W. Allen (Minister for Justice and Public Instruction), Mr. Justice Hargrave, Mr. Justice Faucett, Mr. Justice Cheeke, the Hon. Alexander Campbell, the Hon. J. B. Watt, the Hon. John Fairfax, the Hon. J. Frazer, the Hon. S. D. Gordon, the Hon. R. Owen, the Hon. Thomas Holt, the Hon. Hely Hutchinson, the Hon. John Robertson, Mr. Alexander Stuart, M.L.A., Colonel Richardson, Commodore Goodenough, Captain Stevens (Barracouta), Captain Simpson (Blanche), Captain Chapman (Dido), the Commodore and Captain of the French Man-of-war now in harbour; Mons. Courtin (Vice-Consul of France), Carl Sahl (German Consul), Captain St. John, and Messrs. T. S. Mort, James Watson, J. Alger, Henry Prince, Edward Flood, A. H. Macafee, W. M. Alderson, W. H. Eldred, S. Dickinson, James R. Fairfax, and Edward B. Fairfax.

After ample justice had been done to the repast, the following toasts were proposed:—

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The health of her Majesty the Queen." (Loud cheers.) He thought on the present occasion, which was the celebration of the annexation of Fiji, they might drink the toast with peculiar pleasure in connection with an event which extended her Majesty's beneficent sway over some of the finest islands in the South Seas. (Applause.) He thought they might without exaggeration describe it as another bright jewel in the British Crown. The toast was received with enthusiastic cheers, the band playing "God save the Queen."

The CHAIRMAN, in complimentary terms, proposed "Sir Hercules Robinson, the guest of the evening." (Cheers and applause.) He said he proposed the health of his Excellency in connection with the annexation of Fiji to the British Crown. (Applause.) That was an event which they had met there to-night to celebrate, and he thought there were few things which could be more appreciated in this colony than the satisfactory result of the late mission of his Excellency. (Applause.) We in this colony were perhaps more interested than any other in the fate of these beautiful islands of the South Seas. (Hear, hear.)

SIR HERCULES ROBINSON, in rising to respond, was received with loud and continuous applause. He said:—It has given me great pleasure to accept your invitation to meet you here this evening. Next to the approval of his Sovereign, there is nothing more agreeable to a public man in my position than the approbation of those with whom he may be brought in contact in the discharge of the duties of his office—(applause); and it is, therefore, very gratifying to me to find that the mercantile community of Sydney, for whose good opinion I entertain so sincere a respect, should have thought my services in connection with the cession of Fiji deserving of the recognition which they have so handsomely accorded to them here this evening. There is an old Fijian custom, which I wish for your sakes had been extended to New South Wales. Attached to the staff of every high chief in Fiji, is a mata-ni-vanua, or speaking man, whose duty it is to make speeches for his master. (Laughter.) It is certainly an arrangement which possesses many advantages. (Laughter.) Like the practice amongst the maoris of New Zealand of appointing fighting and speaking generals, it is a sensible and practical recognition of a world-wide fact, that men of action are not necessarily men of words. (Cheers.) A man may be a very fair administrator, and at the same time a very indifferent public speaker. The mata-ni-vanua is accordingly selected for his aptitude for talk, and is supposed to be versed in all the clever and seductive tricks of the art. I am sure I often wish that I had attached to my staff a mata-ni-vanua; for I find that I have but little talent for what has been aptly described as the ornamental expression of nothing, and there is no duty more distasteful to a modest man than to have to speak of himself and his acts. However, on this occasion, I am happy to say it is my pleasing task to dwell more on the merits of others than on my own acts; and I am very glad to have this opportunity of publicly acknowledging how much the success of my recent mission to Fiji is attributable to the skilful preparation of the ground by those who preceded me, and the good qualities of those with whom I had to deal. (Loud applause.) The labours of the late Commissioners—my friends Commodore Goodenough and Mr. Layard—(applause)—extending over five months, have not yet, I think, received the appreciation they deserve. The object for which they were undertaken was, no doubt, temporarily delayed, but that cannot, I think, detract in any way from the merits of those to whose exertions we are indebted for the very complete information as to Fiji which we now possess. (Hear, hear.) It must be borne in mind that matters in Fiji at the time of the visit of the Commissioners were scarcely ripe for an unconditional cession of the country. Influential persons connected with that Government had got an idea into their heads that the islands were coveted by England as Naboth's vineyard was by Ahab of old, and that we should be willing to make almost any sacrifice to obtain the object upon which we had set our hearts. They seemed to think they had only to open their mouths wide enough and we should instantly jump down their throats, and it was not until the conditions proposed to the Commissioners had been peremptorily declined by the Imperial Government that these persons awoke to a true sense of the situation. Besides the Commissioners were only directed to inquire and report to the Home Government, and were therefore not in a position to bring negotiations to a conclusion as if they had been armed with plenary power. (Hear, hear.) They, however, produced a report which, to my mind, displays great ability and research. (Hear, hear.) I know it was of the greatest possible help to me in the prosecution of the mission with which I was entrusted, and I am confident that it will be for years to come the text-book to which successful reference can be made by any one requiring information as to the climate, resources, native customs, and past political history of the new colony. (Applause.) Indeed I can only say that I often felt almost ashamed during the progress of my negotiations of the extent to which I was profiting by the result of the labour of those who preceded me. You, many of you, I dare say, have seen what a good man the Commodore is across country. (Hear, hear.) Well, I felt, when I was in Fiji, as if I were riding after him over a stiff country, and that he, having broken the top rails, I was triumphantly galloping through the gaps. (Laughter and cheers.) But it is not only to the labours of the Commission that much of the success of my mission *is* due. I must not forget to acknowledge also the good qualities displayed by the rulers of the people. Foremost amongst these in influence, and in those chief-like qualities which ennoble the possessor, be he black or white, I must place the man who is now sitting near me, and who is one of your principal guests here this evening. (Loud and continued applause.) Now it was too much the fashion I think for our own countrymen of a certain class, with little knowledge of the world, and limited educational advantages—to divide the human race into two sections—civilized Englishmen and benighted savages. They seem to think that nobility of mind is confined to beings of their own colour; and they frequently overlook the obvious truth that savage virtues are at all events preferable to the vices of civilization. I remember once hearing rather an amusing illustration of this. An English missionary, on his return from China, landed in London, at the East India Docks. He engaged a cab to convey himself and his family to their lodgings. He went himself on the box beside the driver, and cabby, when he found his fare had just come from China, asked innumerable questions as to the manners, and habits, and customs of the people of that country. The replies he received appeared to leave him in some perplexity as to the precise rank in the scale of civilization which the Chinese were entitled to occupy, and at last he turned to the missionary with what, doubtless, appeared to him a crucial test. He said,—"Now tell me, sir, are they really a civilized-like people in them there parts. Do they take their gin of a morning?" (Loud laughter.) Now, to those who view all native races from this elevated "gin in the morning" stand-point, your guest of this evening may, perhaps, fall short of their high standard. (Hear, hear.) But I must in justice say, that throughout the late negotiations Thakombau displayed a disinterested anxiety for the good of those who looked to him for protection which would have done honour to the most enlightened European. His opinions were expressed with a precision, and illustrated with an aptness which showed great natural intelligence and perception of character. Whilst there can be no doubt that the sound judgment which he was able to bring to bear upon the practical solution of the difficulty, and his downright honesty of purpose, conduced largely to the success of my mission. (Applause.) And now that we have accomplished the annexation of Fiji, let me glance for a moment at the results which are likely to accrue to Australia and to the Empire at large from such an acquisition. Opinions at home may and do differ as to whether additions to our vast Empire are (in the abstract) desirable, or the reverse. But matters at Fiji had been allowed to advance beyond the point at which they could be disposed of by the application of any mere *doctrinaire* principles. A large number of British subjects had settled in the islands,—some for the legitimate purpose of agriculture and trade, others for the less legitimate object of escaping from their creditors and dupes. (Hear, hear.) No effectual steps were taken in time to control these men and to protect the native interests of the country from their depredations. Until at last annexation became a simple duty, as the only practicable means of escape from evils for which Great Britain might justly be expected to provide a remedy. Most people who have carefully reflected on the subject will, I think, concur in the opinion recently expressed by Lord Derby that, as a general rule, "England has already black subjects enough." But this was a special case, in which the path of duty was clear, and all other considerations were in consequence ignored. I trust, therefore, that a step which has been adopted from such purely conscientious motives may not be without its reward, and that the course which the Imperial Government has adopted in this matter may be justified by subsequent events. (Cheers.) For myself, I believe that the result of the acquisition of Fiji will be considerable both to these colonies and indirectly to the mother country; but I think there is sometimes much misapprehension in the minds of enthusiastic persons as to the possible future of these beautiful islands. It must be remembered that they are within 15 degrees of the equator, and that, although comparatively healthy, the conditions inseparable from a tropical climate are unfriendly to European life, and prohibit the employment of white labour. It must not be overlooked, therefore, that under the most favourable circumstances Fiji can only become a colony somewhat similar to Ceylon or Java or the Mauritius, producing tropical products by means of black labour, under white supervision and superintendence. Under no circumstances can the place develop like Australia or New Zealand or North America into a permanent home for the Anglo-Saxon race. The bulk of the community can never be people speaking the English language, but must be composed of Orientals of some description, as they alone are capable of labouring and living under the vertical rays of a tropical sun. Still, although Fiji may never be anything but a tropical colony, I think that the acquisition of the place is likely to prove of considerable advantage to these great English communities which are so rapidly growing up in the Australasian seas. (Hear, hear.) In the first place, if such an Alsatia had remained open at our doors, these colonies would have been indirectly exposed to an endless series of trading and kidnapping scandals which they would have been powerless to repress. Again, it might have proved very inconvenient to Australia if Fiji, with its unrivalled harbours, had fallen into the hands of any foreign Power. (Hear, hear.) As it is we have secured a position in the South Pacific, in the great highway between Australia and America, which is sure to be found a most convenient naval station for our own ships of war. Fiji will also prove a valuable coaling link in the chain of steam communication which has now I trust been permanently established between Sydney and San Francisco. (Loud cheers.) Whilst as regards the place itself, it has been saved by annexation from a bloody struggle, and under the new regime, that sense of security will spring up which is indispensable as a foundation for enterprise and prosperity. (Applause.) The islands are unsurpassed in fertility, and are capable of yielding tropical and semitropical products in great variety—such as sugar, cotton, maize, rice, coffee, tobacco, fibre, and the varied products of the cocoanut palm. Under such conditions, capital will assuredly flow into the islands attracted by the prospect of profitable investment. The value of property will increase. The great natural resources of the country will be developed. Fresh markets will be opened to trade. And the group, from its position, will become a centre from whence the blessings of Christianity and civilization will radiate throughout the almost numberless surrounding islands of the South Pacific. (Cheers.) It is impossible not to see that the vista thus opening at Fiji may possibly extend to the utmost limits of Polynesia. The facilities offering to industry and enterprise throughout that vast region are certain sooner or later to be availed of; and as the islands of the Pacific are opened up the funds for their development will flow from Australia, and their tradal relations will be with these colonies. The next hundred years therefore may perhaps produce in the South Pacific unimagined changes which will fill the world with wonder. (Cheers.) What a flood of light, and what an array of stupendous events have changed the character of the world since 1774. Would Lord North know England, or George Washington know America now? (Hear, hear.) And in these Southern seas, it is possible that the British nation may yet put on a new form, and amaze mankind with new developments. (Loud cheers.) It is in view, therefore, of what lies beyond Fiji, and in connection with probable Australian progress, that I think the treatment of the whole question of Polynesian development is worthy of the highest capacity for statesmanship. (Hear, hear.) But, gentlemen, this is a topic which is beyond the compass of an after-dinner speech, and I will therefore conclude with the expression of a hope that the beautiful group of islands which have just been annexed to the British Crown may advance and prosper, and may in time form no inconsiderable or unworthy addition to the younger Britain which is now so rapidly growing into maturity in these seas.

Upon the termination of his Excellency's speech, the company rose from their seats and gave enthusiastic cheers.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the "Vunivalu, ex-King of Fiji." (Cheers.) He was sure they would receive the toast with all enthusiasm. He had heard his Excellency the Governor bear most valuable testimony to the services which had been rendered in this great cause by the Vunivalu who now sat on his left. (Hear, hear.) It was no small proof of the ability of Thakombau, of his unselfishness, and of the earnestness with which he had entered into this matter. He believed his Excellency would endorse what he said if he told them that there might have been very great difficulty indeed in carrying out these negotiations to this desirable result if it had not been for the spirit in which the Vunivalu entered into them. (Hear, hear.) He was sure they must all recognise the conduct of this noble man, emerging, as it were, from the depths of barbarism in the course of half a life time to that amount of civilization which now distinguished their guest. (Cheers.) It was easy for those who had been brought up in civilization, and who inherited its advantages from generations that had passed before them to rise to a certain standard; but how difficult it must be to those who had been once in a state of degradation, barbarism, and superstition, to rise in the course of their own lifetime to a certain measure of virtue which they recognised in their guest. (Cheers.) He thought that cold must that man's heart be who did not recognise the amount of merit implied in this. Those who had an intimate acquaintance with this man testified to the great qualities he possessed, and the great influence which he exercised for good with regard to the fortunes of the people over whom he ruled in Fiji. And they had the description of his Excellency that he recognized the importance of the occasion and the necessities of the case, and had voluntarily surrendered what must to him appear the very highest position for what he believed to be for the good of the people over whom he ruled. (Cheers.) He had shown an unselfish desire to benefit them, and an unselfish desire to rescue them from the misfortunes to which they would otherwise have been consigned, and had exercised the power which he possessed in order to bring about the annexation of his country to the British Crown, and so provide a powerful and efficient protectorate for those over whom he could not exercise a sufficiently protective rule. (Hear, hear.) He would ask them to forget what they had heard of the early history of this man, and remember only what he had done in late years—how he had embraced the Christian religion and done everything to extend it to his subjects. (Hear, hear.) Was it because his great heart beat under a dusky skin that they should refuse to recognise the nobility of his nature? (Cheers.) He was sure it would only produce in their mind a greater determination to show what he deserved at their hands. (Hear, hear.) He had accomplished very great things, and had now handed over his people to what he was sure would prove an efficient protectorate. He was confident that neither he nor his people would have any cause to regret in the future the step he had taken. He was sure that his people would be protected to the utmost of British power, and that he himself and his family would ever be treated with the liberality that ever distinguished the British nation. (Loud and continued applause.)

The VUNIVALU (who was loudly cheered) then addressed the company through an interpreter. He thanked them most heartily for the handsome manner in which they had responded to the toast. (Applause.) Fiji was always tossing about like a ship that was in a bad anchorage. (Applause.) Many white men had gone to Fiji, and they attempted a Government, but were always going, moving about one way and another, and they found it would not answer. (Hear, hear.) After trying their own Government for a long while, Commodore Goodenough and Mr. Layard were appointed by her Majesty to come and inquire into the affairs of the islands, and hear and see for themselves. In response to a letter which had been written by Mr. Thurston, for the chiefs, offering to cede the islands—(hear, hear)—his Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson then came, and by the straightforward manner in which he spoke to them, he gained their confidence immediately, himself and the whole of the chiefs. And they came to the conclusion that it would be the best they could do to give the islands up unconditionally to Great Britain, having every confidence that they would be treated justly. (Hear, hear.) They, therefore, determined to do so, and they did. Up to that time there was great quarrelling among the whites, and when the Governor went down there it seemed to put a stop to all quarrelling and dissatisfaction. They made up their minds to give Fiji to Great Britain, and now they could see already that they had not made a mistake, and that it was a very good thing. (Applause.) After all the business had been settled the Governor left Fiji and took Ratu Timoci with him. The Governor said he would be very glad to see him (Vunivalu), and asked him to come up. He said he would, and had a most enjoyable trip up in the Dido. (Applause.) His Excellency took great trouble in making him comfortable in every way, and since he had arrived in Sydney he had been round to many places and seen all the wonders the whites had. He had come to the conclusion that the whites were good, and that their land was good also. (Cheers.) He and the other chiefs in Fiji had been, as it were, blind men, and for himself he might say that he had just come out into the light and begun to see, for that hitherto he had been perfectly blind. (Applause.) He could see from what he had already witnessed here that things would prosper in Fiji. Everything seemed to go on well, and the great kindness he had received while in Sydney had given him every confidence that the future of the Fijis would be well. He wished all the gentlemen present and chiefs of the white man's country not to forget Fiji and to do all they could for it, because if they did the place would go ahead. (Applause.) Hitherto Fiji had been as it were a man sleeping out in the cold in the bush without blankets. Now they had lots of blankets as it were, and were very comfortable. He thanked them very much for all they had done for him. (Loud applause.)

The VICE-CHAIRMAN proposed "Prosperity to the new British colony of Fiji."

Mr. INNES responded. He said he did so not in his capacity of Attorney-General, but in his quality of a member of the Executive Council of Fiji. (Cheers.)

The Hon. J. B. WATT proposed "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers of the Empire."

Commodore GOODENOUGH said: By the indulgence of our fellow-countrymen, this toast is everywhere received with warmth and kindness. By your reception of it we trust that we, the representatives of the naval service in this part of the world, retain the place in your regard which we desire to occupy. (Cheers.) Though you, gentlemen, in this happy land far removed from foreign alarms, only witness an occasional array of mimic warfare, you do not forget that the English navy is still called upon, at various parts of the world, to fulfil actual service before the enemy. When you drink this toast we feel that you are thinking of us as the representatives of a service of which you have formed a high ideal, and we remember that we have laid upon us the very difficult task of realizing and maintaining the picture which they had drawn in their minds. While thanking you, I think you are not unmindful of the presence of the members of another navy (cheers)—a navy which is always received with the greatest kindness, and justly so received, in this part the world—a navy which had shared our labours during the last twenty years—(cheers)—from the Black Sea to the shores of Japan—a navy whose officers are among the most gallant and loyal gentlemen of France. (Cheers.) The flattering attentions you pay us and with which you almost overwhelm us, induces us to hope that we may really be links in a chain of sympathy which binds the mother country to all the English-speaking communities in either hemisphere. (Cheers.) And if this were so, and if we succeeded in fulfilling such an office, may I be allowed to carry the metaphor further—while I suggest that these great communities are in some sort anchors by which the great vessel of the English State shall be moored and secured in future times of political and social strife—while extending the influence of her laws, her language, and her even-handed justice. (Cheers.) In the course of my duties among different native races of the islands of the South Seas, I have found that there is a prevailing conviction of British even-handed justice; and I believe that the recent acquisition we have made of new territory may be regarded as the fruit of the confidence in that justice which had prevailed in these islands. It rests with you, gentlemen, especially, who will have connection with those islands either by family or commercial relations, to mar or to justify the confidence that has hitherto been exhibited. He trusted that throughout the intercourse of the people of the colony with the native races would justify that confidence. It was not sufficient for the Government to exercise its power to secure even-handed justice to both races, which were under its sway, but it was also necessary for those who went to Fiji for a time to have higher interests and desires than those of making money, and to endeavour to secure the welfare of the people living there. (Cheers.) You have heard from Sir Hercules Robinson much in favour of the Fijian Chief, and you have yourselves had to-night an opportunity of judging of him; but had you been witnesses, as I have been witness, of his judgment, his desire for the good of his people, and his loyalty, you would feel with me that Thakombau is not only the greatest chief in Fiji, but in becoming the first Fijian subject of the Queen, deserved to be called the first Fijian gentleman. (Cheers.) In speaking of the expedition on which I had the honour of taking his Excellency, I wish to say but a few and short words. If I may take the liberty of saying so in his presence, I shall always look back with pleasure and satisfaction to having made the acquaintance, the intimate acquaintance which one makes on board ship. I trust I may say the friendship of an able servant of the State, who, while exhibiting unequalled management of public affairs, showed the greatest generosity and delicacy of mind. (Cheers.) He looked back with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to his intercourse with Sir Hercules Robinson. His Excellency, in the interesting and able speech which he has addressed to you, has told you of the custom which exists in Fiji of the chief having a mata-ni-vanua. It would not be necessary for him to ask the services of any such person, for his Excellency, with rare generosity and with his wonted delicacy, has filled that important office towards himself and Mr. Layard. (Cheers.) He thanked them for the way in which they had received the toast of the Navy.

Captain ST. JOHN responded on behalf of the Army, in a neat speech, expressing his confidence that the British army, if called upon in the future, would add to the illustrious deeds which it had reason to be proud of in the past. (Cheers.)

Colonel RICHARDSON thanked the company for the manner in which they had received the toast of the Volunteers. Though they had no glorious deed to refer to, he felt convinced that, whenever they should be called upon to perform duty in defence of their country, they would nobly respond to the call. (Cheers.)

Mr. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL proposed the toast of "The Ministry."

Mr. PARKES said he only expressed the warm feelings of his colleagues in conveying to them their thanks for the cordial manner in which they had drunk this toast.

Sir HERCULES ROBINSON proposed—"The health of the Chairman."

The CHAIRMAN responded, and proposed—"The health of the French Officers." He was not aware of their presence before.

Captain PREUAR responded, and the company broke up; the band playing the National Anthem.

EX-KING THAKOMBAU IN SYDNEY.

ON Sunday, the 29th November the ex-King of Fiji, Thakombau, arrived in Sydney in H.M.S. Dido, together with his son Ratu Joseph, for the purpose of paying a visit to his Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson. Ratu Timothy, who has been for some weeks a guest of his Excellency, at once went on board the Dido to see his father, and remained there all night. On Monday morning the party landed at the Government jetty, near Fort Macquarie, having left the Dido in his Excellency's barge, which was sent specially to convey them. As the barge left the ship's side, the Dido's yards were manned by the seamen, but no salute was fired. There was a large concourse of people assembled at and near the jetty to receive the distinguished visitor, who was received and welcomed on landing by his Excellency himself. There were also present Captain St. John, the Hon. Hely Hutchinson, Commodore Goodenough, Colonel Richardson, Major Airey, Captain Chapman, Mr. Innes, and a number of other gentlemen. Mr. Fosbery was on the spot with a party of police, and there was also a detachment of the permanent artillery, who presented arms to the ex-King as he landed. His Excellency then conducted his guests to Government House, where they will remain during their stay in Sydney. In the afternoon, shortly after 3 o'clock, Sir Hercules Robinson and Captain St. John, accompanied by ex-King Thakombau and his two sons Ratu Timothy and Ratu Joseph Celua, paid a visit to the Post Office, when they were shown over the various departments.

A public meeting was held on Wednesday, the 9th December, in the Centenary Church, York-street, Sydney, under the direction of the executive committee of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, in the form of a service of "Welcome to King Thakombau."

On Thursday, the 10th instant, Thakombau, accompanied by his sons Ratu Timothe and Ratu Joseph Tholua, paid a visit to Liverpool, proceeding from the metropolis to that township by the Great Southern Railway. A special train, provided for the occasion, left the Redfern terminus at 11 a.m., and arrived at the Liverpool station about 35 minutes afterwards. The most distinguished visitor was bareheaded, and wore his own national dress—tappa sulu and shirt, but his two sons were in European costume. There was a large party of gentlemen, and several ladies. This being the first time that the Vunivalu ever travelled by rail, it is needless to state that he was extremely pleased, and felt greatly interested in everything, striving hard, through the agency of his private secretary Mr. Milne (who acted as his interpreter) to get a clear and distinct understanding of all that he saw. The energy, intelligence, urbanity, and gravity of the old chief made a favourable impression upon his fellow-excursionists, both during the *travel* and at Liverpool. When the train stopped in the siding beyond the Liverpool station the ex-King, with his sons, and several others of the party first visited the cottage of the Hon. Saul Samuel, and took some slight refreshment, the majority of the excursionists going down to the Paper Company's Works or direct to Mr. Samuel's woolwashing establishment. The Vunivalu's party on leaving Mr. Samuel's woolwashing establishment, proceeded up the path to the Paper Company's Works, where the indefatigable manager, Mr. John Woods, was ready for his distinguished guests. The King paid great attention to the pulping mills, but he was enraptured when he saw the last details of the beautifully developed process, eagerly carrying away with him a piece of the paper which had been made before his face. After visiting the paper manufactory, the whole party assembled in one of the contiguous sheds, where an elegant repast was served, to which due justice was done. The chair was occupied by Mr. John Woods (the present manager of the works), and one of the directors. After the repast, the train left the neighbourhood of the works. At the Asylum at Liverpool it stopped for a *few* minutes, when Thakombau was cheered by the bystanders.

After visiting many other objects of interest in Sydney, including a trip by railway to the Lithgow Valley Zigzag, ex-King Thakombau and his two sons, Ratu Timothy and Ratu Joe, embarked on board the Dido from the Government jetty, on Monday, 21st instant. There was a guard of honour from the Artillery, also a detachment of police in charge of inspector Taylor. The ex-king was accompanied from Government House to the ship by his Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson, Colonel Richardson, Captain St. John, and Mr. Fosberry, Inspector-General of Police.

TRANSIT OF VENUS.

Our readers will be glad to learn that the result of the observations of the transit of Venus, on Wednesday, at our own stations are highly satisfactory. Three out of the four stations had beautifully clear weather and successful observations. At Sydney, the day was exceedingly fine and clear; and the observations at the Observatory were made with three powerful telescopes. The ingress and egress of the planet were well observed; but nothing like the phenomena of the black drop, as described by the English astronomers, was seen; and the perfectly instantaneous breaking of it, described by the observers in 1769 was wanting. Only one observer, using a most imperfect telescope, which was a finder only to one of the larger ones, saw it as described in books; all the others saw the planet gradually leave the sun's edge at ingress and meet the edge at egress; and the phenomenon was not by any means so instantaneous as they expected. Most valuable observations have been obtained, but the most important results of the day's work are the photographs, of which about 350 have been taken, showing the whole sun with the planet on the disc, and 968 photos of the planet at ingress and egress.

At Sydney, 180 photographs were obtained, and some remarkable features noted, both at ingress and egress. It was observed by Mr. Russell, the Government Astronomer, that when Venus was half on the sun's disc the other half of the planet could be seen on the bright sky margin of the sun, and soon after this the planet was seen to have a halo on the side off the sun's disc. This seemed about 1 second of arc in diameter, and increased in brilliance as the planet crept on to the sun's disc. At 12 24 49 the ingress was complete, and the planet was wholly on the sun's disc, but no indication of a halo or margin could then be detected though the planet was examined with powers up to 400.

At egress a similar halo was observed, but it was not so well seen. On the southern side of that part of the planet which was off the sun's edge, a definite white border was noticed, and could be distinctly seen until the planet left the disc, and was lost in the brilliance surrounding the sun. Another peculiarity was observed at egress, the planet did not seem uniformly black, but had specially on the south side a cloudy appearance. At Woodford 90 photographs of the whole sun, and 960 photographs of planet at ingress and egress were obtained. The halo about the planet was also distinctly seen at Eden; ingress was well observed, but the cloudy state of the afternoon only allowed the party to get forty photos, and the egress was lost in clouds. At Goulburn satisfactory work was done, but the results have not been received yet.

The photos thus obtained are of immense value to science. Each one may be taken as an independent observation of the planet's position, and used in combination with others in the northern hemisphere for determining the sun's distance; and the photos of ingress and egress will give the most satisfactory answer, free from all personal bias, to the question, is there a black drop, and at the same time afford the means of determining the line of ingress and egress to a small fraction of a second.

One of our Melbourne telegrams contains the following information:—"In referring to the transit at the Observatory. The weather was wretched until close on noon, when there was a break in the cloud, and the first internal contact was obtained. It was impossible to observe the first or external contact on account of the clouds. The atmosphere was splendidly steady in consequence of a previous fall of rain, and the definition of the phenomenon is very distinct. There was no appearance of a 'black drop.' The contact was clear and tangential. Numerous photographs have been taken of the ingress. They were taken rapidly at 2 seconds' intervals, the great telescope being used as well as the heliograph, but not quickly enough to obtain ingress. The time was 3 minutes 13 seconds after the expected time for the first contact."

Professor Harkness, of Hobart Town, reports "it was cloudy at the beginning of the transit, and that it then rained till half-past 2. When it afterwards broke away we began to take photos. We got 33 of Venus on the sun. 74 photos of egress. The contacts are all lost."

The first contact was distinctly seen by Dr. James Anderson of New York, stationed at Beechworth.

Our Brisbane correspondent sends by telegraph the following information:—"Captain O'Reilly, private observatory, reports in reference to the transit of Venus. He says that the day was favourable for observation. There was no 'black drop.' The dark edge of Venus was illuminated for five minutes before internal contact. Venus entered west of the sun with a well-defined round disc. At ingress a thin greenish stream of light was between her and the sun, the edge gradually becoming brighter until Venus appeared a complete circle on the sun. At Brisbane the meantime of external contact at ingress was not observed. The time of internal contact was 30 minutes 21 seconds past noon; the middle contact, 2 hours 14 minutes 58 seconds. Internal contact at ingress, 2 minutes 40 seconds past 4. External contact ingress, 32 minutes 10 seconds past 4. A neutral tint shade was used with power 150."

Mr. Todd, in Adelaide, saw the egress well but not the ingress. When the contact took place the weather was cloudy, and it was thought that it would interfere with the transit observations. Subsequently, however, the weather cleared and some splendid views of Venus were taken.

At Windsor, we learn by telegraph that the ingress and egress of Venus have been accurately observed.

At the Transit Camp, Woodford, the atmosphere was very clear, but hot. The instruments worked well, and the observations are considered to be highly successful.

Referring to the arrangements made for observation at Goulburn, the *Herald* of Saturday remarks that with the exception of the extraordinary heat of the weather, Wednesday, the 9th instant, set in favourably at Goulburn for observing the transit of the planet across the sun's disc. Observations of ingress were critically recorded by Captain Onslow and Professor Liversidge; but owing to the superior power of Captain Hixson's telescope and to the unusual heat of the sun by which all the shaded glasses attached to the instrument were fractured, to the no small danger of the observer's eye, the last named gentleman was not so fortunate as his companions in making ingress observations. With the assistance of Mr. Tornaghi, however, the first internal contact was observed in the photographic camera, which had been attached to the instrument for the purpose, as a last resource after all the shaded glasses were broken. Seventy-four photographs, including three doubles, were secured during the interval between ingress and egress. The position of the sun was more favourable for egress observations, and therefore each gentleman was enabled to make satisfactory notes of this phase of the transit. Captain Onslow and Mr. Tornaghi have returned to Sydney; but Captain Hixson and Professor Liversidge are remaining in Goulburn for the purpose of determining the true position of the town by the transit circle, which has been out of order the last few days, in consequence of the heat of the weather having deranged the delicate cross-wires of this beautiful instrument. The circle is again ready for work, as it was repaired by Mr. Tornaghi previous to his departure. The remaining observers therefore only require a fine starlight night and uninterrupted telegraphic communication with the Sydney Observatory to complete the interesting work for which they came here.

Writing to the *Sydney Morning Herald* on the 12th instant, from Windsor, Mr. John Tebbutt observes:—

Never was an astronomical observation made under more favourable atmospheric conditions than those which attended the transit at this observatory. I employed the equatorial of 4½ inches, with full aperture, and a diagonal eyepiece with Cooke's rectangular prismatic reflector. Of the lenses in the eyepiece, that next to the prism was smoked. A neutral-tint glass, also smoked, was secured to the eye end of the eyepiece, and in addition to this another glass, of a very light neutral tint, was also occasionally employed. By this combination the sun's limb appeared of a straw colour and the sky intensely black. The eyepiece selected for the observation of the contacts had a magnifying power of 120 diameters. The definition at ingress was sufficiently good for the employment of higher powers; but as I could not reckon upon as good conditions at the egress, and it was advisable to observe both the ingress and the egress with the same optical powers I determined to employ the power of 120 throughout. No part of the planet could be detected before she reached the sun's limb, the telescope being directed to the point of contact about ten minutes before the predicted time. At 8d. 23h. 54m. 45s. local mean time the first perceptible break in the sun's limb was noted. This occurred about three minutes later than the expected time of first contact. The mathematical contact, where one of the discs is invisible, it is of course impossible to appreciate, but, judging from the progress of the indentation, I do not think the actual contact was more than two or three seconds earlier than the observed one. At the time of the contact the sun's limb was steady, and sharply defined, and I therefore think that the observation was an unusually good one. It was very difficult to estimate the time of central bisection, but I considered it to take place about 9d. 0h. 8m. On removing the unsmoked glass of light neutral tint two minutes and a half after the estimated time of bisection, I was surprised to find that the whole of that limb of Venus which had not entered on the sun's disc was distinguishable, being marked off against the black background of the sky by a margin of greyish light less than one second of arc in breadth. This halo gradually increased both in breadth and distinctness till the planet's limb nearly coincided with that of the sun. No halo or penumbra, however, surrounded that portion of the planet which was projected on the sun. Shortly before the time of interior contact I observed that the phase of the ingress was nearly similar to figure 8 of Mr. Stone's drawings on page 18, of the 29th volume of the R. A. S. Notices; the distance between the solar cusps at this time was about equal to one-fourth of the diameter of the planet, or somewhat less than than that given in Mr. Stowe's drawing. The solar cusps, too, were sharper. Owing to the excitement of the moment I omitted to note the precise time of this phase, although I was engaged in counting the beats of the chronometer. A few seconds afterwards it was obvious that the apparent contact had taken place, the planet's limb being seen slightly within that of the sun, but connected with it by a dusky ligament whose breadth was about one-fourth the diameter of the planet. Instead, however, of the solar cusps being squared off by this ligament they were rounded, the convexity being towards the ligament. In other words the ligament was contracted in the middle. It was also a shade lighter across the middle than along the limbs of the sun and planet. The more deeply shaded portion of this ligament resembled in colour the limb of the moon when entering the earth's dark shadow during eclipse. The distance between the limbs of the sun and planet, for the solar limb at the point of contact could be faintly seen, could not at this time have exceeded a second of arc. During two or three beats of the half-seconds chronometer I noticed that this ligament vibrated or trembled, and, at the same time resolved itself into several shaded streaks parallel to the limb of the sun and planet. They were then gradually but quickly absorbed, partly into the dark disc of Venus and partly into the black margin of sky lying along the sun's limb. Venus was then seen slightly within the solar limb, with the space between the two limbs as bright as the other portion of the solar disc. The disappearance of the shaded streaks, which phenomenon I regard as the real internal contact, occurred at 0h. 22m. 55s. local meantime, the counting of the chronometer half-seconds being carefully verified by carrying it up to the next integer minute after the observation. The planet's disc while in transit was intensely black and sharply defined, there being no indications of a penumbra or halo till the time of internal contact at egress. There was no white spot on the planet's disc, nor could I discover any trace of a satellite. During the latter part of the transit a few small clouds passed over the sun, and there were some rather strong gusts of hot wind. On these occasions the images in the telescope were tremulous. Several minute solar spots were observed. They originally formed a portion of three magnificent groups, which were visible two or three days previously. I have already said that the images at ingress were steady and well defined, but I think the definition at egress was even somewhat better. The egress was watched without the light neutral tinted glass previously mentioned. When the planet's preceding or western limb was within a second or two of arc of reaching the sun's limb, I noticed that the thread of light between the limbs almost suddenly became shaded by a ligament resembling that observed at ingress, its breadth being also about one-fourth of the diameter of the planet. The formation of this ligament occurred at 3h. 53min. local mean time. The observation was excellent, and the counting of the chronometer half-seconds was verified in the usual way. I did not succeed in observing the coincidence of the limbs, as this phenomenon followed so closely on the other, and the sun's limb was 39s., faintly perceptible through the dusty ligament. At 3h. 56m. only I could see the limb of Venus faintly illumined beyond the estimated place of the sun's limb. It gradually became more distinct. At 3h. 59m. 59s., the grey light along the northern portion of the limb without the sun's disc was beautifully distinct, but it was feeble along the southern portion. At 4h. 5m. 44s., it was fast becoming indistinct, and by 4h. 9m. 28s. the northern portion was still faintly visible, but the southern portion was invisible quite up to the sun's cusp. I observe by the *Herald* of Thursday last that Mr. Russell is stated to have observed the southern portion of the limb as the most intensely illuminated; this would of course be the appearance presented by an inverting telescope. According to my judgment, the planet was again centrally bisected by the sun's limb at 4h. 10m. 19s., and by 4h. 12m. that portion of the planet's limb not on the sun's disc was indistinguishable from the black ground of the sky. The last contact, which was accurately observed, took place at 4h. 22m. 45s. I may mention that all the times of contact given above are stated to the nearest second, the whole series of transit observations for time not having yet being reduced. Mr. Wilkins, jun., of Windsor, who had practised at the artificial transit since the 2nd instant, observed the phenomenon through an alt-azimuth telescope of 3½ inches aperture, armed with a smoked lens and green shade. His times of contact were noted considerably later than mine. The day was intensely hot, the highest shade temperature registered being 119°.

DISASTROUS FIRES AT WINDSOR AND PARRAMATTA.

About a quarter to 2 o'clock on 23rd inst., a most disastrous fire broke out at Windsor. The flames, being fanned by a furious westerly wind, spread rapidly from house to house, until by half-past 3 o'clock fully thirty buildings were destroyed. The day was as disagreeable as can possibly be imagined. All the morning clouds of dusty hot air were blown with almost hurricane force across the town, and a worse day for a fire could scarcely have occurred, for the roofs and woodwork of the houses were in the most inflammable condition.

By the 4.40 p.m. train the Hon. J. S. Farnell, the Hon. Saul Samuel, Mr. Cracknell, Telegraphic superintendent Mr. Fosbery, superintendent of police, and Inspector Ryland left Sydney for Windsor. With them went detachments of the city and mounted police, a squad of the permanent force, and a supply of tents and blankets, the latter being intended for the use of the burned out unfortunates if sufficient shelter was not at hand—the impression being in Sydney at the time the train started, that the town was almost totally consumed.

At all the stations along the line excited crowds were congregated, and the latest news sought as the trains progressed. It was not until 7 that Windsor was sighted, and from all the carriages heads were thrust through the windows to catch a glimpse of the ruins and fire, but there was very little to be seen, for the wind had, as we subsequently learned, lulled before 5, and the engines obtained a mastery over the flames. When close to the station, just before stopping, a few wreaths of smoke and occasional flames, which feebly rose, were all that could be observed of the conflagration. Everything seemed remarkably quiet—in fact, were it not from previous knowledge, the passengers for Richmond might have passed along without noticing that Windsor had been so devastated.

The Windsor passengers, many of whom had been summoned by telegram to the aid of their friends, were not slow in pushing along towards the centre of the town, where the large block or square which had been gutted still smouldered. Very few of the townspeople were to be seen around the ruins. The Insurance steam fire-engine was pumping from Doyle's dam, which is situated about 300 yards west of George-street, to the manuals of the Nos. 1 and 2 volunteer engines, which were breaking down and throwing water plentifully around the outer edge of the ruined block. The Windsor manual engine, at the other side, was playing with effect.

Mr. Fosbery soon had his men marshalled for assistance, and what the new comers could do in the way of assistance was done with alacrity.

The damage done was found on inquiry to be, if not quite equal to the reports which had reached Sydney, yet astonishingly heavy, and to make the conflagration more disastrous and memorable, a life was lost, that of a feeble woman, named Eliza Wilson, aged about sixty, who lodged or acted as a servant at Mrs. Calloway's, one of the tenements destroyed in Macquarie-street. This cottage, a weatherboard, was overcome by the flames so rapidly, that there was no time given for the neighbours to even rush in, and it was not until the strength of the flames had become exhausted that the remains of the unfortunate woman were rescued, a charred mass, and brought to a neighbouring hotel. In all about thirty-three houses, the Wesleyan Church, and Oddfellows' Hall, were destroyed. Very little remains of them with the exception of a few of the strongest walls. Several horses also were burned; in fact, so rapid and unexpected was the fiery sheet that little save human life could be saved.

The stock and furniture of nearly all the business places must have been destroyed, for on the scene there is very little to be observed in the shape of salvage. The dwellers all received the neighbourly accommodation they so greatly needed. Mr. M'Quade, the mayor, and other gentlemen exerted themselves nobly in looking to their comfort, and it is pleasing to think, beyond the loss of the day, no other serious inconvenience will be felt by the poor sufferers who so unexpectedly were unhoused.

The following is an account taken, as well as time or the circumstances would allow, of the property destroyed, and a guess at the value of each lot.

On the north-west side of Macquarie-street:—	
Mr. John Wood's brick cottage	£500
The Wesleyan parsonage and chapel	1000
(The schoolhouse was saved.)	
Three tenements belonging to Mr. Dunstan	300
Mr. Dunstan's cottage (brick)	500
Mr. Gosper's dwelling, tannery, and plant	700
Alderman Linsley's dwelling and tannery	1600
On the south-east side of Macquarie-street:—	
Mr. Henry Tilley's house and furniture	200
The Oddfellows' Hall, also used as a Council Chamber	300
Mr. Alderson's house and tannery, furniture, leather, &c.	1000
(This house was rented from Mr. Baldwin.)	
Mrs. Calloway's three houses	300
Mr. John Bowling's house (occupied by Mr. Ponder) and furniture	700
Mr. Wood's barn, full of hay and straw	200
Mrs. Rochester's cottage	400
In Fitzgerald-street:—	
Mrs. Primrose's two houses occupied by Messrs. Primrose and Middleton	350
Mrs. Holland's two houses, occupied by Messrs. Suttor and Bannister	300
Mrs. Kemp's tenement	—
In George-street:—	
The Marraba Hotel, property of Samuel Huskinson, occupied by Miss Bushelle	1200
Mr. Mortley's boot and shoe shop, a two-storied building, owned by Mr. John Tebbutt	1000
Mr. Byron's chemist's shop	200
Mr. W. Crew's house	400
Strathen's barber's shop	50
Mr. O'Hara's general store	1000
Mrs. Stubbs' cottage	300
On the north-west side:	
The *Hawkesbury Times* Office and Burns' grocery store, the houses owned by Dr. Whittaker	1200
Total	£13,100

After making a thorough inspection, and finding that no further danger was to be apprehended, the Minister for Works and Postmaster-General decided on returning to Sydney by a special train, which started at 10 p.m., and reached Sydney at midnight.

Inspector Ryland, with about 20 men in charge, was left by Mr. Fosbery. Mr. Cracknell, after sending several messages through, also started by the special train.

The railway authorities deserve great praise for the prompt manner in which the sudden call for a train to convey the engines and firemen was met.

The first message news of the fire did not reach Sydney until 3.10 p.m., and in twenty minutes the train, with Superintendent Bown, the firemen, and three engines had left the Redfern terminus.

In one hour and a quarter the brigade was landed in Windsor. All the firemen remained in Windsor, fearing the wind might, during the night, cause a fresh outbreak.

Parramatta.—About 11 a.m. on the 24th instant, large volumes of smoke were observed to proceed from a building used as a stable by Messrs. T. H. Hellyer, George-street, and James Gregg, Church-street, at the rear of their premises, which adjoin each other. The alarm was given immediately, and as soon as possible the fire engines were taken to the spot—one to Mr. Hellyer's and the other to Mr. Gregg's premises, but the former proved to be out of order and useless, so that only the latter could be brought to play upon the burning building. Adjoining the stable was a large wooden store full of a variety of things more or less inflammable, and in close contiguity to the store was the western extremity of the main buildings, which have the shop frontages to Church-street. It soon became apparent that nothing could save the stable, and so an attempt was made to keep the store safe, but notwithstanding this, the fire soon caught it, and it was almost instantly a mass of flames. The whole of the buildings in that locality were then in the greatest jeopardy; the wind, however, entirely died away just at the critical time, and the body of flame rose nearly straight upward, comparatively harmless. The blaze was soon got under, and the progress of the fire eastward stopped at this point. The out-buildings, however, at the western extremity of the premises carried the fire along for a while, but about 1 o'clock p.m. the unabating exertions of the many persons who had set themselves to work were crowned with complete success, and the destruction was stayed. The premises burnt comprise, beside the stable and store, before referred to, a shed on the premises of Mr. C. Tuke, and a store occupied by Mr. G. Cardinal, baker. Mr. L. Menser, the captain of the fire company, finding the critical position of affairs, telegraphed for more engines; these arrived per train about 1 o'clock, but it was not then necessary to take them off the trucks. The origin of the fire is not known.

Mr. John Cuthbert.—It is with deep regret that we record the death of the above much esteemed gentleman, which took place at his residence, Miller's Point, on the 8th instant. Mr. Cuthbert had long been ailing with disease of the lungs. As a mark of respect the captains of vessels in port kept their flags half-mast during Wednesday.

SHIPPING SUMMARY.

ARRIVALS FROM ENGLAND.

December 16.—Samuel Plimsoll, ship, 1444, Boaden, from Plymouth 88 days.

December 18.—Cairnbulg, ship, 1569, Birnie, from the Lizard, 85 days.

December 20.—Khandeish, ship, 1008, Skelly, from Dover, 114 days.

December 25.—William Duthie, ship, 988, Davidson, from the Lizard, 97 days.

DEPARTURES FOR ENGLAND.

December 10.—Ben Lomond, ship, 988, Chrystal, for London. Passengers—Mrs. Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. Withington, and 3 children, Mrs. Lebraw, Mrs. Vade, W. A. Taylor, and G. A. Marples. Cargo: 3663 bales wool, 613 slabs, 2089 ingots tin, 3542 ingots copper, 2675 hides, 200 hogsheads treacle, 150 casks cocoanut oil, 445 bags 50 tons copra.

December 22.—Christiana Thompson, ship, 1079 tons, for London. Passengers—Messrs. Stee and Smith. Cargo: 3745 bales wool, 5 bales skins, 46 bales cotton, 19 bales leather, 4758 ingots 444 slabs tin, 9400 ingots copper, 295 cases meat, 187 casks tallow, 1280 hides, 14 logs timber, 4 packages.

December 22.—Sir William Wallace, ship, 965 tons, for London. Passengers—Miss Khull, Messrs. Lyect, Wallace, and Heron. Cargo: 2384 bales wool, 135 bales cotton, 190 bales leather, 249 casks tallow, 21 casks oil, 231 casks molasses, 10 casks rum, 929 cases meat, 8 cases boots, 2101 ingots 488 slabs tin, 4481 ingots 24 cakes copper, 7 packages beeswax, 11½ tons copra, 4 cases whalebone, 5 cases maizena, 2 casks beef, 2 packages tea.

CLEARED OUT.

December 24.—Sir John Lawrence, 879, Fernie, for London. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Pocklington, Mr. Horges. Cargo—3307 bales wool, 6100 ingots 1217 slabs tin, 1179 ingots copper, 96 casks tallow, 112 casks treacle, 249 cases meat, 8 bales skins.

ARRIVALS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

November 27.—Maid of Judah, barque, 640, Webb, from Hongkong.

November 27.—Chocola, barque, 280 Shepherd, from San Francisco.

November 28.—Flintshire (s.), 1242, Sturrock, from Hongkong.

December 16.—Normanby (s.), 1000, Park, from Singapore.

December 16.—Constance Wilson, schooner, 173, Spence, from Mauritius.

December 16.—Nehemiah Gibson, barque, 740, Bradford, from New York.

December 18.—W. H. Besse, barque, 1623, Bessie, from Burrard's Inlet.

December 17.—Cyphrenes (s.), 3000, Woods, from San Francisco.

December 24.—Annie Mabel, barque, 279, Powling, from Foo Chow.

DEPARTURES FOR FOREIGN PORTS.

For Mauritius.—November 26, William Manson, barque, 300, Payne.

For Shanghai.—December 14, Silver Eagle, ship, 1090, Case.

For Hongkong.—November 27, Darwin, barque, 425, Clarke; December 3, Forward, barque, 744, Strachan; 5, Legislator (s.), 1375, Craig.

For Galle.—November 28, Southern Belle, ship, 1139, Carpenter.

For San Francisco.—December 9, Ocean Express, ship, 1400, Rollo; 14, Vancouver, ship, 1052, Brown; 16, Loch Doon, Payne, Cumming; December 23, Cyphrenes (s.), 1279, Woods.

For Bangoewangie.—December 10, Flintshire (s.), 1243, Sturrock.

For Shanghai.—December 18, Janet, brig, 216, Crombie, with 314 tons coal; 19, Black Adder, ship, 917, Whyte, with 1150 tons coal.

For Ceylon.—December 19, Fanny Fisher, barque, 360, Rock, with 420 tons coal.

For Galle.—December 22, Alchymist, barque, 510, Hall, with 780 tons coal.

For Yokohama.—December 22, Lutchen, barque, 406, Lessing, with 560 tons coal.

DEPARTURES FROM NEWCASTLE.

November 18.—Oxford, for Galle, with 1514 tons coal.

November 19.—Anne Maria, for Ceylon, with 450 tons coal.

November 21.—Corona, for Shanghai, with 1100 tons coal.

November 24.—Augusta, for San Francisco, with 1194 tons coal.

November 26.—La Paix, for Hongkong, with 700 tons coal.

November 26.—Harman, for Hongkong, with 630 tons coal.

November 27.—Westdale, for San Francisco, with 1707 tons coal.

December 2.—Urana, for Shanghai, with 700 tons coal.

December 2.—Unkel Braesig, for Honolulu, with 400 tons coal.

December 5.—Abelle, for Hongkong, with 400 tons coal.

December 12.—Formosa, for Shanghai, with 515 tons coals.

December 14.—Flintshire (s.), for Java, with 1500 tons coal.

December 20.—Zoroaster, for Bombay, with 1645 tons coal.

December 21.—Airey Force, for San Francisco, with 1292 tons coals.

December 21.—J. S. Stone, for Shanghai, with 1055 tons coal.

December 21.—Leicester, for San Francisco, with 1693 tons coal.

VESSELS LOADING.

AT SYDNEY.

For London.—Duke of Sutherland Knight Commander, Hybernia, The Tweed, Brockley Castle, Damascus Agnes Rose, John Duthie, Parramatta, Taunton, Zealandia.

For New York.—Europa. For San Francisco.—Chrysomene

For Shanghai.—Kate Waters.

FREIGHTS.

AT SYDNEY.

For London.—Wool, clean-pressed, ¾d.; unpressed, 1¼d.; greasy—pressed, ⅝d.; unpressed, 1d; tallow, 60s.; cocoanut oil, 70s.; meats, 45s.; leather, 60s.; tin and copper, 5s. to 7s. 6d.; cotton—unpressed, 1½d.; pressed, ¾d.

NAVAL.

MEN-OF-WAR ON THE STATION.

Pearl, 17 guns, Commodore Goodenough, at Sydney.
Rosario, 3 guns, Commander Dupuis, on a cruise.
Blanche, 3 guns, Captain Simpson, at Sydney.
Alacrity, 1 gun, Lieut.-Com. Saunders, on a cruise.
Conflict, 1 gun, Lieut.-Com. Mansell, at Sydney.
Dido, 8 guns, Captain Chapman, on a cruise.
Renard 1 gun, Lieut.-Com. Suckling, on a cruise.
Sandfly, 1 gun, Lieut.-Com. Nowell, at Sydney.
Beagle, 1 gun, Lieut.-Com. Rendall, on a cruise.
Barracouta, 5 guns, Captain Stevens, at Sydney.

H. M. schooner Conflict returned on 23rd instant from a cruise among the islands forming the Solomon Group, the voyage having been prolonged to nearly five months. The schooner sailed from Sydney on the 5th of June, and made the group on the 21st of the same month. Makira was the first island sighted, from thence she proceeded to St. Anna, a report being extant that a white man had been murdered. On arrival at the island, Lieutenant Mansell made all necessary inquiries, but obtained no information confirmatory. The schooner then proceeded to Savo, and again to Mboli, where communication was held with the Rev. Mr. Brooks. We may also remark that while the Conflict was at Makira, Lieutenant Mansel compelled the chiefs to collect all the human skulls, which they venerate as trophies taken in war, and sink them in deep water. The skull of Mr. F. Weinham, late chief officer of the Lavinia, was obtained from a chief at Savo, and subsequently buried. The Conflict proceeded to Giso, Carlton, Green, and St. John islands, extending her cruise as far as Port Cartred to the northward of the group. The report of the seizure of the James Birnie had been received by Lieutenant Mansell, but of too vague a character to allow of action being taken. The Conflict took her departure from the Solomon Group on the 2nd instant, and has had S.E. and N.E. winds during the passage to this port. The following vessels are reported:—Kate Kearney, schooner, of Sydney, at Shortland Island; schooner Francis, at Makera, and bound for the Admiralty Group. On June 24, the whaler Runnymede, of Hobart Town, was spoken seven months out, and on the 9th instant, spoke the brig Lady Belmore hence for Shanghai, latitude 19 S., longitude 162 E.

SHIPS' REPORTS.

Cairnbulg.—The Cairnbulg, Captain Birnie's new command, which arrived in port on 18th December, is a splendid iron clipper of 1500 tons, built by J. Duthie and Son, of Aberdeen, and owned by William Duthie, jun. So many fine ships have visited this port that it would appear invidious to draw comparisons, but the Cairnbulg will bear the inspection of the most critical eye, and then be pronounced one of the finest merchant ships afloat; her model appears faultless, and her carrying capacity speaks for itself, she having brought out some 4000 tons of general cargo. The ship is 270 feet overall, 40 feet beam, 23 feet depth of hold. She has been constructed of the best iron and fitted with all the latest improvements, to facilitate the handy working of her yards, and is classed for 100 years at Lloyd's. Although not a passenger ship she has very spacious and elegantly fitted apartments for the accommodation of the commander and officers. In addition to the large cargo under hatches, the Cairnbulg brings some 70 tons of deck load, consisting of the masts, yards, &c., for the ship Chrysomene, the lower masts which are of iron, are 90 feet long and there but few vessels afloat that could stow them on deck, but with all the drawbacks attendant on a first voyage in a deeply laden vessel, the passage has been accomplished in 85 days. With respect to her voyage, we learn that the Lizard was passed on 24th September, having landed the pilot off Plymouth on the 21st. Experienced a heavy equinoctial gale during the two following days after landing the pilot. The N.E. trades proved very light. Crossed the Equator on the 23rd of October. Instead of the usually S.E. trade winds, fresh southerly breezes prevailed, which rendered tacking along the coast of Brazil necessary. On the 16th November, in latitude 41 5' S., longitude 8 8' E., had a very heavy gale with tremendous sea running. The meridian of the Cape of Good Hope was passed on the 18th November. She made her easting on a parallel between 45 and 48 S., and passed south of Tasmania on the 12th December, and signalled Jervis Bay on the 16th.

Cyphrenes.—The A. and A. mail s.s. Cyphrenes arrived 17th instant, from San Francisco, via Honolulu and Auckland, bringing a large mail, several passengers, and some 1500 tons cargo. The following is a detailed account of the round voyage:—The A. S. N. Company's chartered R. M. S. S. Cyphrenes left her moorings in Johnston's Bay at 1 p.m. on Saturday, 26th September, with H. M. mails, and about sixty first and second class passengers, for Levuka, Honolulu, and San Francisco. Cleared Sydney Heads at 2.40 p.m. with a light N.W. wind and fine weather, which continued till next day, when the wind veered to S.W. and W.S.W., with squally weather and very heavy rain to latitude 29 S., longitude 161 E.; thence to Levuka variable winds and moderately fine weather. Arrived off the harbour of Levuka on Monday, 5th October, at 3.30 a.m., but did not anchor inside till 6.30 a.m.; landed mails and a small quantity of freight; received outward mails, and at 4 p.m. proceeded on the voyage. 9.30 p.m., passed Goro, passing through Manuka at 6.30 a.m. next day, with a strong N.E. wind. Passed the Duke of Clarence Island on the 8th October, wind still N.E., sometimes varying to E.N.E. All through the regions of the S.E. trades, instead of S.E. winds, strong N.E. and occasional E.N.E. winds were experienced, and continued to latitude 1 N., longitude 161 W.; then met with E.S.E. winds for two days, and thence variable winds to latitude 14 N., longitude 158 W.; then fell in with the N.E. trades, which proved very strong, and continued till arrival at Honolulu, where she arrived at 2 p.m. on Sunday, 18th October. Landed mails from Sydney, and received outward mails and passengers, and at 8.40 p.m. left for San Francisco with a fresh N.E. trade wind, and carried it to latitude 30, longitude 151 W., varying at intervals to N.N.E. to E.N.E. 24th October, wind S.E. and cloudy; towards evening wind easterly; sighted the Farallones Islands at 3 a.m. 29th, pilot boarded at 6 30 a.m., passed in the Golden Gate at 8.30 a.m., and made fast to Front-street wharf at 9.30 a.m. Left San Francisco with 100 first and second class passengers, 10th November, clearing the Golden Gate at 2.30 p.m., being three days late, caused by the length of passage made by the Atlantic boat; wind W.S.W., and foggy; unsettled weather, with wind W. to S.W. to latitude 34 N., longitude 128 W.; thence to latitude 31 N., longitude 131 W., moderate W. and N.W. winds and fine clear weather. 13th November, wind N.E. and light, and cloudy; passed several vessels standing to the north; signalled the Hereford, of London; in the evening wind veered to E.S.E.; thence to latitude 23 N., longitude 153 W., strong S. and S.W. breezes, and dirty weather; in latitude 22 N., longitude 156 W. encountered a strong S.W. gale, which blew with great force, with heavy head sea, which greatly retarded the ship's progress, the gale continued for three days with fierce squalls at intervals. Friday 20th, more moderate; sighted E. end of Malakia Island, bearing S.; 10 p.m. 21st October, arrived at the entrance to Honolulu, but too much sea on the bar to enter; next morning finer weather, entered at 7 a.m., landed mails, passengers, &c.; 23rd 9 a.m., received outward mails and proceeded on the voyage, variable wind, midnight light N.E. wind and fine clear weather, which continued to 8 N. 163 W., when we lost the N.E. trades, S.S.E. winds and fine for a few hours; 27th met with S.E. trades in latitude 3 N., longitude 164 W., same latitude and longitude current set N., 36 E., 1 mile per hour; crossed the equator Saturday, November 28, in longitude 165 W.; passed Sumo Island at 3 a.m. on 1st December; passed Tavua, Navigator's Group, at 3 p.m. on the 2nd; passed east end of Upolu, 10 miles to westward, S.E. trades extended to latitude 18 S., 173 W., thence variable winds and cloudy to latitude 20 S., longitude 177 W.; crossed the meridian on Sunday, 6th, thence to latitude 30 S., longitude 178 E., strong S.E. breezes and heavy head sea; thence to Auckland fresh S.W. breezes and fine weather, sighting Great Barrier at 3 a.m. on 10th December; arrived alongside the wharf at noon, landed mails, &c., and at 8 p.m. left for Sydney; passed the North Cape at 3.30 p.m. on 11th December, S.W. wind and fine weather to latitude 35 S., longitude 169 E., and moderate westerly winds and light showers to longitude 164 E., thence to 156 E. strong westerly gale and heavy head sea; thence to Sydney heads variable winds and fine weather; sighted the heads at 9 a.m., and entered at 11 a.m. Shortly before the Cyphrenes left the wharf at Auckland for Sydney, Mr. C. D. Davies, one of the passengers, requested Captain Woods' presence in the saloon, and in very elegant and well-chosen language (in the name of the passengers), presented him with an address, thanking him and all his officers for their great kindness and courtesy during the voyage. The address was accompanied by a handsome chronometer clock of New Zealand manufacture, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Captain Thomas Wood, steamship Cyphrenes, from a few of the passengers, as a mark of esteem. December 10, 1874."

Khandeish.—The ship Khandeish landed her pilot off Dover on the 28th August, and sighted Ushant Light on the 5th September. She experienced strong westerly winds in the Channel, which was cleared on the 13th September. She then had light N. and N.W. winds until reaching the N.E. trades, which commenced on September 17, in latitude 38 34 N. and longitude 17 44 W. They proved very light, and were lost in latitude 14 N. and longitude 26 43 W. From thence had very variable winds to the Equator, which was crossed on October 11, in 25 54 W. The S.E. trades, which proved good, were picked up on October 10, in 2 25 N. and 22 48 W., and after losing them carried S. and S.E. breezes to 30 South; rounded the meridian of the Cape of Good Hope on November 13 in 37 3 South, and ran down her easting between the parallels of 45 and 49, light W. and N.W. winds prevailing. She rounded the south Cape of Tasmania on the 10th December, and has had to contend against N.E. winds since that date.

Nehemiah Gibson.—Nehemia Gibson, arrived 16th inst., sailed from New York on the 1st August. She reports having crossed the Equator on 24th September, in longitude 21 26 W. She had very poor S.E. trades, which were lost in 21 50 S., 31 58 W., and the meridian of the Cape of Good Hope was crossed on 26th October in latitude 42 31 S. In running down her easting the highest southing attained was latitude 44 13. Cape Otway was made on the 11th instant, when the ship was compelled to round-to with a violent gale from S.W. She ran through Bass's Straits the following day, and sighted Sydney Heads at 9 p.m. on the 15th instant.

Normanby.—The Normanby, the second of the new fleet of steamers owned by the Eastern and Australian Steam Company entered Moreton Bay and anchored at roadstead after a passage from Singapore of 18 days, being the smartest work yet accomplished since the initiation of the mail service *via* Torres Straits, a performance which speaks well for the steaming powers of the vessel under Captain Park's command. Of the passage out from England to Singapore and thence to this port, Captain Park reports:—"Left Glasgow September 22, at 5.30 a.m., but in consequence of a very heavy gale, was compelled to bring up in Lamlash Bay; weighed and proceeded at 1.50 p.m., 23rd; discharged pilot at Waterford, on the 24th, at 2 p.m.; passed through the Straits of Gibraltar, 29th; October 3, noon, abreast the island of Malta; 10.20 a.m., 7th, arrived at Port Said, took in a quantity of coal, and proceeded through Canal; passed into the Red Sea on the 9th, Straits of Babelmandeb on the 14th, abreast Point de Galle 24th, arrived Tanjong Jager wharf, Singapore, 30th. Experienced a very heavy gale and high sea to Waterford; from thence to Singapore, light variable winds and fine weather. Left Singapore November 23, with the English mail, being six days late in consequence of an accident to the P. and O. steamer; arrived at Batavia, November 25, at 9 a.m.; left again two hours afterwards; came along the northern route within two or three miles of the various islands, when magnificent views were obtained of this picturesque and beautiful island; passed Combo and Lobetobi two volcanos, which were observed to be in an active state, emitting great quantities of smoke, and from various fissures on the mountain side large quantities of steam. Experienced light variable winds with frequent showers; met with no monsoon. Booby Island was sighted at 9 a.m., December 4, and anchored at Somerset 2.45 p.m.; discharged mails and cargo, and proceeded at 6.30 p.m.; abreast Cape Melville 3 p.m., 6th; Cape Tribulation 8 a.m., 7th; anchored Cleveland Bay 6 a.m., 8th, and received pratique; discharged H. M. mails, and proceeded at 8 a.m.; arrived at Bowen at 6 p.m., discharged mails, cargo, &c., and proceeded at 7 p.m.; arrived in Keppel Bay at midnight on the 9th; found no arrangements had been made to receive mails, &c. Pilot was desired to receive same, but he stated his boat was leaky, and at first refused to receive them; however the mails were landed on the beach in his boat, at Sea View Point, and the steamer proceeded, after being detained until 3 a.m.; on the 10th passed Lady Elliot Island at 1 p.m.; rounded Breaksea Spit at 6 p.m.; sighted Cape Moreton at 6 a.m. on 11th; received pilot at 9 a.m., anchored in Moreton Bay at 11.45 a.m., The Normanby (s.), which is so named out of compliment to the Marquis of Normanby, the late Governor of the colony, is under the command of Captain Thomas Park, whose previous visit to the colonies was in charge of the A. S. N. Co's (s.) Wentworth, during her passage from England to Sydney.

Samuel Plimsoll.—The Samuel Plimsoll arrived on 16th instant, after an excellent passage of 88 days from Plymouth. The casualties during the voyage have been the deaths of 3 infants and 1 male adult, and 3 births have occurred. Dr. J. S. Hughes is the surgeon-superintendent, and Miss E. A. Robinson is matron. They report most favourably of their charge, all of whom have arrived in excellent health and delighted with the kindness and attention they have received from the officers. Captain Boaden, who is in command, reports of his voyage as follows:—Left Plymouth Sound on the 19th November, with moderate south-westerly winds, which increased to strong W.S.W. and W.N.W. gales, and continued to the 27th, then light westerly winds to the N.E. trades, which were fallen in with in latitude 29 N. longitude 19½ W. They proved very light, and were lost in latitude 11 N., longitude 26 W.; from thence to the Equator had 13 days of light winds and doldrums; crossed the Equator in longitude 29 W., 33 days out, picked up the S.E. trades on the Equator; they proved very bad—carrying the ship within 90 miles of the Brazil coast, and lost them in latitude 19 S., longitude 34½ W.; from thence to 30 S. and 30. W. had light easterly winds, where she fell in with a violent gale from E.S.E. and S.E., with tremendous sea running—ship's head reaching under, lower topsails. A tremendous sea broke on board, carrying away three boats, stock houses, main hatch house, and other immigrants' fittings about the decks; flooded the decks to the height of main rails; from thence to the meridian of the Cape had light variable winds, mostly from N.E. and S.E. round to south; 58 days out, the easting was run down from 44 to 46½ south; from meridian of Cape to S.W. cape of Tasmania had light variable winds, mostly from the eastern quarter, passing the S.W. cape on the 13th December, fresh southerly winds prevailing since.

William Duthie.—The ship William Duthie arrived in port on the 23rd December. She took her departure from the Lizard on 17th September, and experienced variable winds, veering from N.W. to S.W., to the latitude of Madeira, which was sighted September 27. Caught the N.E. trades on October 1, in latitude 29 N., longitude 19 W., which were light, but steady, and lost them in latitude 14 N., longitude 26 W., on October 7; thence light baffling airs and calms till October 19. Caught the S.E. trades in latitude 4 N., longitude 24 W., which were well southerly, and were lost on October 30, in latitude 17 S., longitude 30 30 W.; thence variable winds and very fine weather to the meridian of the Cape of Good Hope, which was crossed on November 14, in latitude 39 30 S.; thence winds prevailing from the northward. Ran the easting down at a mean parallel of 43 S. Sighted Cape Otway December 19—93 days, and reported at Cape Howe December 20. The passage has been characterised by very fine weather and light winds throughout.

WRECKS.

Intelligence has been received at New Caledonia of the wreck of the ship Maitland on a coral reef near Huon Island on the 25th May last. A passing voyager noticed the wreck, and on proceeding to the island found a bottle containing documents which gave the following information:—"The Maitland left Moreton Bay (Queensland) for Foo Chow Foo, on the 18th May, and about 1 o'clock in the morning of the 25th ran on to a reef about a mile to the S.E. of Huon Island. Attempts were made to get the vessel off, but were unavailing, and two boats were smashed. Having got as many provisions out of the vessel as possible, the chief officer, with Thomas Hay, boatswain, George Stevenson, Andrew M'Donald, and W. H. Owens, seamen, started away in one of the boats to seek assistance, making for the Australian coast, and on the 14th June another boat started containing Mr. Williams, the second officer, Alfred Tyfield, George Whittle, Charles Williams, and John Mackintosh, seamen, leaving fourteen men on the island, who had to build, under great difficulties, a boat, in which they also started on 26th August. Nothing has been heard of the first two boats, but a boat was found stranded on 17th November, on the beach, between Mackay and St. Lawrence, North Queensland, which is believed to be identical with the boat built on the island. The weather was thick and cloudy when the Maitland struck the reef, and no observations had been obtained for two days previously."

Foundering of the Brig Windhover.—This vessel—a brig of 207 tons, under the command of Captain Roels—sailed from Sydney on the afternoon of the 11th instant, bound for Lyttelton, N.Z., with a cargo of timber. The same evening she sprang a leak, and was abandoned on the 18th instant—the captain and crew being taken off from the sinking ship by the barque Saxon, from Newcastle, bound south. Captain White, of the latter-named ship, furnishes the following particulars:—"Sunday, 13th December, 1874, at 4.30 a.m., strong gale from S.S.W., ship on starboard tack under lower topsails and storm staysails, sighted a brig on port tack bearing southward; brig bore away for us, with signal of distress flying; at 7 a.m., captain of the brig (Windhover, of Sydney) spoke and reported 5 or 6 feet water in the ship, with all starboard bulwarks and stanchions washed away, and asked me to stand by him; wore ship and stood to W.N.W. in company with the brig for the land. At noon the Windhover apparently becoming very heavy and low in the water, bore down on her and the captain reported the water gaining on them and his boat stove by the sea. The brig now had a very deplorable appearance, the sea running right over her. Hove ship to and sent the lifeboat in charge of M. A. Bankier, chief mate, to communicate with and save the crew, the brig apparently sinking. At 1.50 p.m. succeeded in getting the captain and crew all safely on board with some effects. Captain Roels reported his vessel in a sinking condition, with one pump choked and pumping-gear breaking, the crew all wet and exhausted; trimmed ship and stood in for the land, fresh gale at south and very heavy sea. Position of the wreck by D. R.:—Latitude 33. 15 S., longitude 153 16 E.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

ADDISON—Nov. 25, Tenterfield, Mrs. G. W. F. Addison, of a son.
ARNOLD—Sydney, Mrs. C. J. Arnold, of a daughter.
BAGOT—Dec. 19, Waverley, Mrs. Geo. S. Bagot, of a daughter.
BAILEY—Dec. 22, Sydney, Mrs. Dr. Bailey, of a son.
BARNETT—Dec. 27, Cook's River, Mrs. A. J. Barnett, daughter.
BARKLAY—Dec. 8, Singleton, Mrs. J. D. Barklay, of a son.
BARLING—Oct. 27, Casino, Mrs. John Barling, of a daughter.
BEAN—Dec. 6, Ashfield, Mrs. W. G. Bean, of a son.
BINSTED—Dec. 7, Ashfield, Mrs. W. H. Binsted, of a son.
BLAKE—Dec. 6, Namoi River, Mrs. H. P. Blake, of a daughter.
BLAKE—Dec. 6, Sydney, Mrs. Augustine J. Blake, of a son.
BOARD—Dec. 3, Sydney, Mrs. A. J. Board, of a son.
BOWDEN—Nov. 26, Ryde, Mrs. T. K. Bowden, of a son.
BRAZIER—Dec. 14, Sydney, Mrs. John Brazier, of a son.
BUIST—Nov. 24, Chippendale, Mrs. W. D. Buist, of a daughter.
BURROWS—Nov. 30, Chippendale, Mrs. J. T. Burrows, of a son.
CLARKE—Dec. 6, Sydney, Mrs. J. R. Clarke, of son.
CORLETTE—Nov. 21, Ashfield, Mrs. J. C. Corlette, of a son.
CORTIS—Dec. 9, Bathurst, wife of Dr. W. R. Cortis, of a son.
COSGROVE—Nov. 30, Manerco, Mrs. W. Cosgrove, of a daughter.
GRACE—Nov. 27, Franklyn Vale, Q., Mrs. E. K. Grace, of a son.
DALGARNO—Dec. 18, Darlinghurst, Mrs. J. Dalgarno, daughter
D'APICE—Nov. 27, Hunter's Hill, Mrs. Charles d'Apice, of a son
DIXON—Dec. 4, Burwood, Mrs. E. Dixon, of Singleton, of a son.
DIXON—Dec. 12, Wickham, wife of the Rev. J. Dixon, daughter.
DOBSON—Nov. 22, Glebe, Mrs. H. B. Dobson, of a son.
DOYLE—Dec. 16, Balmain, Mrs. H. C. Doyle, of a daughter.
DU BEDAT—Nov. 8, Sydney, Mrs. Thomas Du Bedat, of a son.
DUNLOP—Nov. 19, Stanmore, Mrs. William Dunlop, of a son.
EARNSHAW—Nov. 12, Glebe Mrs. Al Earnshaw, of a daughter, still-born.
EDMUNDS—Nov. 19, Sydney, Mrs. W. H. Edmunds, of a son.
EWINS—Dec. 7, Sydney, Mrs. W. Ewins, of a daughter.
FAITHFULL—Dec. 22, Ashfield, Mrs. H. M. Faithfull, daughter.
FOLDI—Dec. 17, Marrickville, Mrs. N. Foldi, of a son.
FOWLER—Nov. 26, Camperdown, Mrs. Robert Fowler, of a son.
FRY—Dec. 13, Redfern, Mrs. E. H. Fry, of a daughter.
GIBBONS—Dec. 15, Richmond, Mrs. W. K. Gibbons, a daughter.
GIBBS—Dec. 19, Mrs. Hubert W. Gibbs, of a son.
GOULD—Dec. 16, Sydney, Mrs. Edward Gould, of a daughter.
GRAHAM—Nov. 29, Sydney, Mrs. John Graham, of a daughter.
HANIGAN—Dec. 5, Chippendale, Mrs. J. Hanigan, of a daughter.
HARRIS—Dec. 18, Burwood, Mrs. W. M. Harris, of a daughter.
HAWKES—Dec. 1, Sydney, Mrs. M. H. Hawkes, of a daughter.
HORDERN—Nov. 26, Darlinghurst, Mrs. E. Hordern, of a son.
HOVELL—Dec. 20, Balmain, Mrs. A. R. Hovell, of a son.
IREDALE—Nov. 24, Surry Hills, Mrs. L. Iredale, jun., daughter.
ISAACS—Dec. 10, Sydney, Mrs. Jacob Isaacs, of a daughter.
JOHNSTON—Nov. 24, North Annandale, Mrs. R. P. Johnston, son
KELYNACK—Nov. 19, Bathurst, wife of the Rev. W. Kelynack, of a son.
LATHBURY—Nov. 29, Redfern, Mrs. W. H. Lathbury, of a son.
LEE—Castlis, Mrs. W. T. Lee, of a son.
LEWES—Dec. 8, Geelong, Mrs. Henry S. Lewes, of a son.
LINDEMAN—Dec. 1, wife of Lieut. G. S. Lindeman, of a daughter.
LOFTUS—Nov. 25, Hay, Mrs. William N. Loftus, of a daughter.
LUSCOMBE—Dec. 14, Muscle brook, Mrs. R. J. Luscombe, of a son
M'INTOSH—Nov. 30, Bathurst, Mrs. J. W. M'Intosh, daughter.
MACTAGGART—Nov. 21, Walgett, Mrs. M. Mactaggart, of a son.
MAITLAND—Nov. 30, Tumut, Mrs. D. M. Maitland, jun., daughter
MANDELSON—Dec. 5, Sydney, Mrs. I. Mandelson, of a son.
MATHEWS—Dec. 9, Careuron, Goondiwindi, Q., Mrs. R. H. Mathews, daughter.
MERRINGTON—Dec. 7, Milford-ter., Mrs. J. M. Merrington, son.
MONTGOMERIE—Dec. 10, Mooroowoolen, Mrs. H. Montgomerie, of a daughter.
MORRICE—Nov. 12, Ealing Forest, Mrs. David Morrice, of a son
MORRIS—Dec. 3, Sydney, Mrs. G. H. Morris, of a daughter.
MOSS—Dec. 5, Scone, Mrs. Moses Moss, of a son.
MURRAY—Nov. 11, South Kingston, Mrs. C. R. Murray, of a son, stillborn.
MURRAY—Dec. 19, Woolloomooloo, Mrs. T. Murray, of a son.
NEWCOMEN—Nov. 22, Mrs. Henry Newcomen, of a daughter.
NICHOLL—Nov. 27, Strawberry Hills, Mrs. R. Nicholl, of a son.
NORRIS—Nov. 28, Hunter's Hill, Mrs. C. W. Norris, a daughter.
O'MEAGHER—Nov. 29, Grafton, Mrs. J. K. O'Meagher, daughter
PARROTT—Nov. 27, Forest Lodge, Mrs. T. S. Parrott, of a son.
PASHLEY—Dec. 3, Sydney, Mrs. W. J. Pashley, of a daughter.
PAWLEY—Nov. 18, Sydney, Mrs. W. C. Pawley, of a daughter.
QUODLING—Dec. 20, Burwood, Mrs. W. H. Quodling, of a son.
RAMSAY—Dec. 22, Glebe, Mrs. E. Ramsay, jun., of a daughter.
RODD—Nov. 28, St. John's-ter., Mrs. J. T. Rodd, of a daughter.
ROBERTSON—Nov. 29, Wollongong, Mrs. W. G. Robertson, son.
RUMPF—Nov. 20, Sydney, Mrs. John Rumpf, of a daughter.
SANDON—Dec. 1, Rardwick, Mrs. C. T. Sandor, of a son.
SATGE—Nov. 24, Wolfang, Q., Mrs. Henry de Satge, of a son.
SCARVELL—Nov. 30, Windsor, Mrs. George Scarvell, of a son.
SCHRADER—Dec. 1, Montena, N.E., Mrs. P. Schrader, of a son.
SECOMBE—Nov. 12, Bega, Mrs. T. Secombe, of a daughter.
SLADE—Dec. 3, St. Leonards, Mrs. G. P. Slade, of a daughter.
SMALL—Dec. 9, Sydney, Mrs. John S. Small, of a daughter.
SOUTH—Nov. 28, Kogarah, Mrs. John South, of a daughter.
SPALDING—Nov. 28, Sydney, wife of Captain W. Spalding, of a daughter.
ST. CLAIR—Dec. 10, Waterloo, Mrs. R. T. St. Clair, of a daughter
STEENBHOM—Dec. 21, Sydney, Mrs. A. M. Steenbhom, of a son
STEVENSON—Nov. 16, Bombala, Mrs. John Stevenson, of a son.
SUCKLING—Nov. 23, Barsham, Mrs. J. L. Suckling, of a daughter, still born.
SUNNERS—Surry Hills, Mrs. T. Sunners, jun., of a daughter.
TANCRED—Dec. 10, Balmain, Mrs. T. Tancred, of a daughter.
TAYLOR—Nov. 21, Moss Vale, Mrs. H. W. Taylor, of a daughter.
TAYLOR—Dec. 5, Redfern, Mrs. George C. Taylor, of a son.
THOMSON—Dec. 5, Shoalhaven, Mrs. J. Thomson, of a daughter.
THYNNE—Nov. 25, Einalong, Mrs. James Thynne, of a daughter.
TOWERS—Dec. 8, Woolloomooloo, Mrs. F. Towers, son, still born
TRICKETT—Dec. 1, Greenwich, Mrs. E. Trickett, of a daughter.
TULLOH—Dec. 7, St. Leonards, Mrs. W. H. Tulloh, of a son.
VILES—Dec. 11, Miller's Point, Mrs. John Viles, of a son.
WALKER—Dec. 8, Norwood, Mrs. David Walker, of a son.
WATT—Dec. 8, Sydney, Mrs. John S. Watt, of a son.
WESTGARTH—Dec. 18, Darlinghurst, Mrs. G. C. Westgarth, of a daughter.
WHITING—Dec. 7, Petersham, Mrs. J. F. Whiting, of a son.
WILLIS—Dec. 6, Sydney, Mrs. Alfred Charles Willis, of a son.
WISEMAN—Dec. 3, Goulburn, Mrs. C. A. Wiseman, of a daughter
WOLTMANN—Oct. 23, Carlton-hill, London, Mrs. E. Woltmann, of a son.
WRAN—Dec. 9, Mrs. H. W. Wran, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

ABERCROMBIE—CANSDELL—December 17, at St. John's, Darlinghurst, by the Rev. Thomas Hayden, M.A., David John, only son of Charles Abercrombie, of Five Dock, Esq., to Grace Marie, eldest daughter of Charles S. Cansdell, Esq., of Sydney.

AINSWORTH—M'KEAN—At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Newcastle, by the Rev. James Coutts, M.A., John Ainsworth, of Lambton, to Sarah M'Kean, daughter of George M'Kean, of Lambton.

ALLEN—KINGSMILL—Sept. 28, St. Peter's, East Maitland, by the Rev. Lovick Tyrrell, B.A., James Kennedy Allen, to Marianna, eldest daughter of the late Joseph O'Meagher, and relict of the late Luke Kingsmill, C.P.S., both of East Maitland.

ANDERSON—WILSON—Nov. 26, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. R. S. Paterson, Arthur, eldest son of James Anderson, Glebe, to Ellen, eldest daughter of M. J. Wilson, St. Leonards, North Shore.

ARTHURSON—LIVINGSTON—November 30, at the residence of E. H. Wallace, Esq., by the Rev. James Coutts, M.A., John Arthurson, to Catherine Livingstone, both of Newcastle.

AYLMER—GORDON—Dec. 12, at St. Michael's, Paddington, by the Rev. H. S. King, William Henry, second son of the Rev. W. Aylmer, M.A. Canterbury, New Zealand, to Elizabeth Selkirk, second daughter of the late Dr. Gordon, of West Maitland.

BARNS—NOTT—Dec. 1, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. E. Tanner, William Leofric, eldest son of William Barne, Esq., Maryborough, Q., to Caroline Louisa, second daughter of John Nott, Esq., of Barolin, Bundaberg, Queensland.

BARRIE—ROBERTS—Nov. 7, at St. Peter's, Woolloomooloo, by the Rev. G. H. Moreton, George Edward, sixth son of the late William Barrie, of Scotland, to Sarah Jane, only daughter of Charles Roberts, of Pembroke Dock, South Wales.

BERTIE—WILLIAMS—November 17, at Newcastle, by the Rev. Canon Selwyn, William Bertie, to Sabina, widow of the late Henry Williams.

BLUNT—RITCHIE—December at Riversdale, Liverpool, by the Rev. W. E. Bourne, Frederick, second son of Mr. F. J. C. Blunt, of Brisbane, Queensland, to Mary, eldest daughter of the late Mr. James Ritchie, of Riversdale, Liverpool.

COOPER—CARTTLING—May 16, by the Rev. Dr. Fullerton, Mr. Peter Richard Cooper, native of Tasmania, to Catherine Reutter Carttling, native of Highgate, England.

CORNISH—RUDDER—Nov. 18, at the residence of the bride's parents, Kempsey, by the Rev. Henry Porter, Henry John Cornish, of Cundletown, to Melanie Sarah, fourth daughter of Enoch W. Rudder, of Kempsey.

COULTER—JESSON—December 8, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. George Martin, Joseph, third son of Mr. David Coulter, to Mary Ann, fourth daughter of Mr. John Jesson.

CRAWFORD—THORNE—Nov. 18, by the Rev. Dr. Fullerton, Mr. John Crawford, second eldest son of the late Mr. John Crawford, North Shore, to Margaret, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Richard Thorne, of Mora Bank.

CULLEN—M'MAHON—Nov. 21, at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, by the Rev. J. Sheridan, John, eldest son of Richard Cullen, of Sydney, to Rosanna, eldest daughter of Thomas M'Mahon, Dublin, Ireland.

DOWSETT—COULTER—December 5, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. James A. Nolan, Frederick Carvosso, eldest surviving son of Mr. Samuel Bailey Dowsett, to Elizabeth Annie, eldest surviving daughter of Mr. David Coulter.

DUGUID—SCOTT—December 9, at St. Mary's, Waverley, by the Rev. G. H. Moreton, assisted by the Rev. Stanley Mitchell, John Kendall Duguid, to Jessie, youngest daughter of the late Charles Scott.

ELLIS—HILLIER—Nov. 30, at Kew Cottage, Petersham, by the Rev. Morgan Williams, B.A., Mr. John Henry Ellis, of Sydney, to Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. William Hillier, Kapunda, South Australia.

EVANS—SPILSTED—Nov. 21, at St. Michael's, Surry Hills, by the Rev. Canon H. S. King, Henry Evans, to Elizabeth Harriet, eldest daughter of Mr. Spilsted, both of Newtown.

GAINFORD—HOBBS—Nov. 25, at the Mariners' Church, Sydney, Thomas, second son of Rev. T. Gainford, to Harriet, youngest daughter of the late John Hobbs, London, England.

GASTON—HOUGH—Dec. 3, at St. Mark's, Darling Point, by the Rev. W. Hough, brother of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Thomas Kemmis, Albert Edward, third son of the late Mr. John Henry Gaston, to Eliza, eldest daughter of Mr. James Hough.

GIBSON—CAPPER—Dec. 1, at St. Mary's, West Maitland, by the Rev. Robert Chapman, John Manifold, eldest son of William F. Gibson, Sydney, to Emma Grace, youngest daughter of the late Edward Capper, West Maitland.

GRAHAM—NEWTON—October 28, at St. Peter's, Kensington, London, by the Rev. J. Robbins, D.D., William Edgar, son of Peter Graham, Kensington, to Jane, only daughter of the late Thomas Newton, of Sydney.

GREENWELL—GALE—Nov. 20, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. J. C. Kirby, John, second son of the late Thomas Black Greenwell, of Balmain, to Louisa Mary Alice, eldest daughter of Robert Vining Gale, of Hunter's Hill.

HAGUE-SMITH—DE SAUGY—December 15, at Highgate Villa, Woollahra, by the Rev. A. Burdett, Mr. S. Hague-Smith, to Elisa Mansell, only daughter of P. de Saugy, Esq., Haviland, Guernsey, England.

HALE—HUDSON—Nov. 16, at Sydney, by Rev. Dr. Fullerton, William, second son of Mr. W. Hale, of Liverpool, to Margaret Ann, fourth daughter of Mr. Alfred Hudson, of Liverpool.

HAMILTON—HAMILTON—November 4, at St. Barnabas', by the Rev. J. Barnier, Algernon Perry, son of the late Colonel F. S. P. Hamilton, to Idonia, daughter of Captain D. D. Hamilton, of Rathoe, county Carlow, Ireland.

HAYNES—LENEHAN—Nov. 10, at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, by the Rev. J. Sheridan, Abraham, fourth son of John Joseph Haynes, to Annie Josephina, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Michael Lenehan, both of Sydney.

HYLAND—COOPER—December 16, at St. James's Sydney, by the Rev. G. C. Bode, Henry Edgar, second son of the late Edgar Hyland, Esq., to Catherine Middleton, only daughter of Henry Walker Cooper, Esq.

JACOBS—COHEN—December 16, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. A. B. Davis, Mr. Louis Jacobs, of Sydney, to Sarah, daughter of Mr. Louis Cohen, Manly Beach.

KERR—TODD—Nov. 23, at St. Barnabas', Sydney, by the Rev. Joseph Barnier, William Henry, eldest son of Mr. Henry Kerr, Strawberry Hill, Sydney, to Frances, eldest daughter of Mr. James Todd, Alexandria.

KERNS—DEAN—Nov. 19, at Mullion, near Orange, by the Rev. Allen W. Gardener, William, second son of the late John Kerns, Kincumber, to Mary Ann, fourth daughter of T. Dean, Mullion.

LANGFORD—BONNER—Nov. 10, at St. Barnabas', Sydney, by the Rev. Joseph Barnier, George William Langford, late of Waterloo, to Mary Ann, eldest surviving daughter of Mr. William Bonner, late of Redfern.

LEVEY—COHEN—December 9, at the York-street Synagogue, by the Rev. A. B. Davis, Joseph Edwin, son of the late Mr. John Levey, New York, U.S.A., to Sara, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Michael Cohen, of Sydney.

KILLIAN—BUTLER—Aug. 1, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, by the Very Rev. the Dean of Sydney, James, youngest son of William Killian, of Ryde, to Fanny, eldest daughter of the late Laurence Ormond Butler, of Sydney.

MACKEY—HOLLOWAY—December 10, by the Rev. H. Macready, John, third son of David Mackey, to MaryAnn, eldest daughter of James Holloway, both of Surry Hills.

MITCHELL—GANNON—Nov. 12, at St. Michael's, Surry Hills by the Rev. Hulton King, M.A., William Henry Douglas, eldest son of the late George D. Mitchell, Esq., to Alicia Theresa, eldest daughter of Michael Gannon, Esq., of Cook's River.

MURPHY—COMERFORD—November 25, at St. Joseph's, East Maitland, by the Rev. Father Corcoran, John Murphy, of Bathurst, to Mary, eldest daughter of P. Comerford, Esq., of Mount Harris, Largs.

O'NEILE—INDER—December 5, at St. Matthias's, Paddington, by the Rev. Zachary Barry, LL.D., David Charles O'Neile, of Murrurundi, to Emily Jane, youngest daughter of Jacob Inder, Bine's Point, North Shore.

PHIBBS—JESSOP—Oct. 28, at Christ Church, Sydney, by the Rev. Canon Vidal, William Jordan, only son of the late William Henry Phibbs, to Julia Eliza, second daughter of the late Charles Jessop.

QUINTON—TAYLOR—Nov. 25, at St. David's Surry Hills, by the Rev. J. D. Brennan, Benjamin, third son of the late Robert Quinton, of Sydney, to Elizabeth, third daughter of Mr. Amos Taylor, of Berrima.

QUIRK—JONES—December 10, at St. Mary's Cathedral, by the Rev. J. Sheridan, Thomas Quirk, of Grafton, to Annie, fourth daughter of J. T. Jones, of Grafton.

RODD—ROBERTSON—Nov. 21, at Christ Church, Newcastle, by the Rev. Canon A. E. Selwyn, Clements Tremaine, the second son of B. C. Rodd, Esq., of Five Dock, to Sarah Janet, the fourth daughter of J. B. R. Robertson, Esq., J.P., of, West Maitland.

SIDDINS—HEWITT—December 3, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Canon White, B. L. Siddins, to Sophie Mary, eldest daughter of T. A. Hewitt, Esq., Ferndale, Denman.

THOMPSON—LAMB—December 15, at St. John's, Darlinghurst, by the Rev. T. Hayden, M.A., Henry Augustus, only son of the late H. A. Thompson, Esq., Inner Temple, to Mary Letitia, youngest daughter of the late Commander Lamb, R.N.

WAY—SOPER—Nov. 28, at Christ Church, Sydney, by the Rev. Edward Symonds, M.A., Francis Freeman, fourth son of R. Henry Way, to Florence Amy, third daughter of William Soper, Sydney.

WEINHOLT—WILLIAMS—Dec. 14, at St. John's, Darlinghurst, by the Rev. T. Hayden, M.A., Edward Weinholt, Esq., of Darling Downs, Queensland, to Ellen, daughter of Daniel Williams, Esq., of Sydney.

WISEMAN—ISLER—December 3, at St. Stephen's, Newtown, by the Rev. Robert Taylor, R. A. Wiseman, Esq., of Gloucester, to Frances Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Henry Isler, Esq., of Gladesville.

YOUDALE—SMALL—November 12, at the Wesleyan Chapel, Bourke-street, by the Rev. J. A. Nolan, John Beaumont Youdale, to Rebecca, eldest daughter of Robert Small, Esq., Sydney.

DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG—Dec. 16, Sydney, Robert Armstrong, third son of William J. and Fanny Armstrong, aged 2 years and 3 months.
ASPINALL—Dec. 3, Parramatta, Mrs. John Aspinall, aged 50.
BAPTIST—Sydney, John Baptist, aged 49, a native of Austria.
BARKER—Nov. 25, Sefton, Richmond Road, John Barker, aged 92 years.
BARNETT—Nov. 16, on board R.M.S. Peshawur, Benjamin Barnett, aged 36, late of Sydney.
BAYLIS—Oct. 15, Parell, Bombay, Mary Edith, daughter of Mr. Alfred Baylis, formerly of Balmain, aged 15½ years.
BIBB—Nov. 27, at Enmore, Claude Robertson, second son of Mr. John Bibb, aged 2 years.
BIRKETT—Nov. 28, Sydney, Mary Jane, wife of John Birkett, aged 42 years; a native of Hythe, Kent.
BLACK—June 21, London, Louisa, wife of the late John Henry Black, Sydney, aged 65 years.
BORRON—Oct. 18, at San Bernardino, California, Frances Alice, wife of Mr. W. G. Borron.
BOWMAN—Dec. 11, Richmond, William Bowman, Esq., J.P., aged 75 years.
BOYD—Dec. 1, Bondi, Clarence Kelso, infant son of Joseph F. and Mary Elizabeth Boyd, aged 8 weeks.
BRADFORD—Dec. 9, Darlinghurst, Alfred Bradford, jun., aged 34 years, son of the late Alfred Bradford.
BRIDGES—Dec. 23, Forest Lodge, Alice Kate, youngest daughter of F. and M. W. Bridges, aged 1 year and 8 months.
BRUTON—Dec. 9, Sydney, John, youngest son of William Bruton, aged 12 months and 21 days.
BUFFREY—Dec. 11, Wagga Wagga, Charles, eldest son of Charles Buffrey, aged 19 years and 10 months.
BUIST—Dec. 6, Chippendale, Louisa, wife of W. D. Buist, aged 34.
BYRNES—Dec. 17, Moore Park, Rosina Maria, wife of Thomas Byrnes.
CALLAN—Nov. 30, Kingston, Kate, daughter of Laurence and Emma Callan, aged 2 years and 2 days
CAMPBELL—Dec. 11, Broughton Park, James Stenhouse, youngest son of J. and Isabella Campbell, aged 1 year and 6 months.
CANE—Dec. 9, Stanthorpe, Queensland, Leonard Frank, infant son of James and Sarah Cane, aged 1 year.
CAPE—Dec. 4, William Frederick Cape, aged 40.
CARNEY—Nov. 29, Glebe Point, Leslie Arthur, second son of Augustine and Christiana Carney, aged 7 years.
CARTER—Dec. 8, St. Leonards, Joseph, twin son of Joseph and Mary Ann Carter, aged 9 weeks.
CHILD—Mount Vincent, East Maitland, William Knox Child, aged 82 years.
CLEGG—Dec. 9, Sydney, Andrew Clegg.
CONLIN—Dec. 16, Chippendale, Rosa, infant daughter of William and Mary Conlin, aged 4 months and 9 days.
CONSTABLE—Dec. 16, Sydney, the infant daughter of John and Rachel Constable, aged 10 months and 16 days.
COOKE—Nov. 28, Milson's Point, North Shore, J. W. Cooke, second son of the late James Cooke, Esq., aged 27.
CORMACK—Dec. 8, Dungog, Robert Stuart, only son of R. S. U. Cormack, aged 7 months.
CRAIG—Dec. 16, Sydney, Samuel Thomas, infant son of Captain Samuel Craig, aged 1 year and 8 months.
CRANE—Dec. 22, Newtown Road, Alice May, infant daughter of Henry F. and Phillis Crane, aged 13½ months.
CREED—Dec. 20, Sydney, Mr. William Creed, aged 43 years.
CROFT—Dec. 12, Glebe Point Road, Thomas Alexander, youngest son of G. and M. Croft, aged 1 year 5 months and 1 week.
CUNNINGHAM—Dec. 10, Sydney, Mary, daughter of Robert and Lizzie Cunningham, aged 6 years and 3 months.
CUSBERT—Dec. 12, Dural, Hannah, wife of Henry Cusbert, aged 42 years.
CUTHBERT—Dec. 8, Miller's Point, John Cuthbert, Esq., aged 60.
DADSWELL—Dec. 2, Sydney, Ernest George, infant son of Charles and Maria Dadswell, aged 10 months and 2 days.
DICKINSON—Nov. 29, Woolloomooloo, Ida, daughter of Tom and Mary Dickinson, aged 6 months and 4 days.
DOBSON—Surry Hills, John Spencer Dobson, only son of Mr. John Dobson, aged 31 years.
DOWN—Dec. 15, Surry Hills, Frederick James, second son of William and Annie Down, aged 1 year and 8 months.
DOWNTON—Dec. 16, Balmain, Charles Frederick, only son of Charles and Lavinia Downton, aged eight months.
DUNN—Dec. 15, Woolloomooloo, Mary Florence, daughter of James and Annie Dunn, aged 1 year and 5 months.
EARNSHAW—Nov. 15, Glebe, Martha, wife of Al Earnshaw.
EDWARDS—Dec. 21, Sydney, Mrs. E. Edwards, formerly of Ipswich, Suffolk, England, aged 76 years.
ENGLAND—Dec. 4, Darlington, Alfred Stephen, youngest son of Charles and Sarah England, aged 9 years and eight months.
FARQUHAR—Aug. 24, at sea, Alexander M'Ritchie, eldest son of Alexander B. and Mary Farquhar, aged 17 years and 7 months.
FELTON—Dec. 6, Elizabeth, relict of the late George Felton, of Newcastle, aged 77 years.
FOULIS—Nov. 30, Forest Lodge, Elsie Jane, infant daughter of William and Louisa May Foulis, aged 1 month.
FRANKLIN—Dec. 4, Surry Hills, Ann, eldest daughter of the late B. and E. Franklin, of Berkshire, England, aged 56 years.
FROST—Dec. 18, Darlington, Ellen Elizabeth, daughter of Charles and Maria Frost, aged 8 months and 4 days.
GIBBONS—Dec. 20, Richmond, Margaret Clara, infant daughter of William K. and Wilhelmina Gibbons, aged 6 days.
GIBSON—Dec. 1, Sydney, Richard John, son of George and Elizabeth Phillis Gibson, aged 4 months and 3 weeks.
GOSTELOW—Nov. 29, Darlinghurst, Arthur Charles, infant son of Ebenezer and Martha Gostelow, aged 4 weeks.
GRAHAM—Dec. 13, Adelong, Anthony Graham.
GULLEY—Dec. 1, Surry Hills, Herbert Hamilton, second son of Frederick R. Gulley, aged 3 years and 7 months.
HAGUE—Dec. 17, Surry Hills, Edward Colston, infant son of Edward C. and Margaret Hague, aged 1 year and 3 months.
HANNA—Woolloomooloo, Alexander Hanna, aged 37 years.
HARRAP—Oct. 16, Blackfriars Road, London, the wife of Mr. George Harrap.
HEALY—Dec. 7, Macquarie Plains, John Healy, late of Pyrmont aged 34 years.
HEALY—Dec. 7, Sydney, John Healy.
HEATH—Dec. 19, Glebe, Samuel Heath, aged 75 years.
HOSEMAN—Dec. 10, Sydney, William John, eldest son of John and Ellen Hoseman, aged 5 years.
HOOKE—Nov. 17, Honolulu, Alfred John Hooke, formerly of Wagga Wagga, aged 41 years.
HOSEASON—Sept. 7, Foochow, China, Catherine Isbester, aged 39, wife of William Hoseason.
HOSICK—Nov. 26, Bogasella, Warrego, Queensland, Elizabeth Mary, wife of Mr. Daniel Hosick, aged 29 years.
HOWELL—Dec. 1, Sydney, George Howell, aged 27 years.
IRELAND—Dec. 5, Sydney, Lilian Beatrice, the infant daughter of Thomas and Euphemia Ireland, aged 16 months.
IVES—Dec. 8, Miller's Point, Arthur Richard, infant son of Joseph and Jane Ives, aged 1 year and 8 months.
JACK—Oct. 27, Glasgow, Frances Mary, wife of D. Hill Jack, aged 20 years.
JENNINGS—Nov. 26, Woollahra, Mary, relict of the late Francis Jennings, Esq., of Newry, Ireland, aged 76 years.
JOHNSTONE—Nov. 21, Parramatta, Jessie Mary, infant daughter of Alexander and Annie Johnstone, aged 5 months and 8 days.
JONES—Dec. 24, Surry Hills, Florence Ellen, youngest daughter of John T. and Mary Jones, aged 3 months and 4 days.
KEATES—Dec. 20, Sydney, William Henry, infant son of William Henry and Alice Keates, aged 1 year and 10 months.
KERR—Dec. 9, Sydney, Mary Elizabeth, infant daughter of James and Eliza Jane Kerr, aged 8 months and 5 days.
KETHEL—Nov. 29, Sydney, Norman, son of Alexander and Mary Kethel, aged 20 months.
KING—Nov. 27, Pyrmont, Harold Irvine, infant son of John and Martha King, aged 5 months.
KING—Dec. 19, Ashfield, Harriet relict of the late Rear-Admiral Philip P. King, R.N., aged 14 years.
LACEY—Nov. 29, Surry Hills, Blanche Emily, third daughter of Mrs. W. H. Lacey, aged 4 months.
LAMPE—Dec. 5, Tumut, Emma Elizabeth, second daughter of Oltmann and Sarah Lampe, aged 22 years.
LAND—Dec. 20, Hyde Park, William James, aged 5 years, son of Joseph and Jane Land.
LATHBURY—Dec. 17, Redfern, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lathbury.
LAYMAN—Dec. 19, Sydney, Thirmuthes, youngest daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Layman, aged 2 years and 5 months.
LIGHTBODY—Dec. 12, Burwood, William Henry Lightbody, M.D., aged 32 years.
LUTHER—Dec. 18, The Oaks, the wife of Fredrich Christian Luther, aged 66 years.
M'CARTHY—Dec. 8, Patrick M'Carthy, aged 77 years.
MAC DONNELL—Nov. 30, North Shore, Frederic William, infant son of W. J. Mac Donnell, aged 4 months 11 days.
M'GAVIN—Dec. 16, North Shore, the Rev. Matthew M'Gavin, M.A., of Brisbane, native of Irvine, Scotland.
M'NEILL—Dec. 5, Sydney, James Benedict M'Neill, aged 72.
MACGREGOR—Dec. 18, Sydney, William Macgregor, aged 48.
MACKELLAR—Nov. 28, Braidwood, Mary, eldest daughter of John and Ann Mackellar, aged 20 years.
MACKELLAR—Dec. 2, Hyde Park, Archibald, the eldest son of R. Mackellar, aged 19 years.
MASON—Dec. 11, Darlington, Charlotte Ann, youngest daughter of William and Rebecca Mason, aged 1 year and 4 months.
MAXWELL—Nov. 18, Esk Bank, Brevet-Captain William Maxwell, son of the late D. Maxwell, Esq., Scotland, aged 81 years.
MOORE—Dec. 10, Camperdown, Stephen, second son of Thomas Moore, aged 18 years and 14 days.
NEWELL—Dec. 7, Sydney, Emma Edith, only child of Henry James and Emma Newell, aged one year and ten months.
NEWMAN—Sept. 7, Randwick, Caroline, wife of Charles Henry Newman, a native of Liverpool, England.
PARISH—Dec. 13, Botany-street, Robert James, infant son of Robert and Annie Parish, aged 7 months.
PASS—Dec. 14, Parramatta, Stanley Percy, third and youngest son of W. H. and M. E. Pass, aged 7 months and 21 days.
PATTEN—Dec. 6, Sydney, Mr. William Patten, aged 70 years.
PAWLEY—Nov. 26, Sydney, Florence, infant daughter of Walter and Louisa Pawley.
PEISLEY—Dec. 16, Parramatta, Mr. Robert Peisley, aged 55.
PIERCE—Dec. 21, Rushcutter's Bay, Mr. Edward Pierce.
RAWLINSON—Dec. 16, Darlinghurst, Mr. Henry Rawlinson, aged 43 years.
REDGRAVE—Dec. 9, Maud Annie, daughter of Thomas and Mary Redgrave, aged 1 year and 8 months.
REDMAN—Nov. 22, Surry Hills, Jane, relict of the late Edward Redman, formerly of Hackney, Middlesex, aged 77 years.
REILLY—Dec. 1, Woolloomooloo, James Foxton, infant son of John and Margaret Reilly, aged 8 weeks.
REYNOLDS—Dec. 18, Balmain, Christina Cunningham, youngest daughter of Mr. James Reynolds, aged 9 months 3 weeks.
REYNOLDS—Dec. 20, Sydney, Sarah Jane, wife of Charles Reynolds, aged 40 years and 6 months, a native of Sussex, England.
RICHARDS—Nov. 29, Tottenham, Middlesex, England, Mrs. Amelia Richards, aged 81 years.
RODGERS—Nov. 27, Sydney, William Rodgers, aged 29 years.
ROGALSKY—Nov. 28, Newtown, Hiller Sydney, infant son of Adolphus and Phoebe Rogalsky, aged 3 weeks.
ROBINSON—Dec. 11, Redfern, Joseph Robinson, sen., aged 63.
ROBINSON—Dec. 15, Sydney, Amy Alice, infant daughter of David and Ellen Robinson, aged 7 weeks.
RODGERS—Dec. 4, Sydney, Rebecca, second daughter of Aaron and Jane Rodgers, of Townsville, Queensland, aged 5 years.
ROSE—Dec. 1, Brisbane, Queensland, Francis T. Rose, aged 39.
ROTHERHAM—Dec. 11, Sydney, Marion Rotherham, aged 39.
SHERRING—Dec. 5, Sydney, Arthur Frank, infant son of Edward and Jane Sherring, aged 6 months.
SIMMONS—July 28, Wisbeach, Cambridgeshire, England, James Simmons, aged 55 years.
SMITH—Nov. 27, North Shore, G. E. Smith, of Bromley, England, aged 50 years.
SMITH—Dec. 5, Sydney, William Smith, aged 55 years, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland.
SMITH—Dec. 8, Miller's Point, Rose Emma, second daughter of Mat. M. and Isabel Emma Smith, aged 7 years and 5 months.
SMITH—Dec. 20, Miller's Point, Amy Ann, youngest daughter of Mat. M. and I. E. Smith, aged 1 year and 9 months.
STARR—Nov. 5, Botany, Mr. William Starr, aged 67 years, a native of Sussex.
STEEL—Dec. 5, Sydney, Susan, relict of the late Robert Steel, aged 66 years.
ST. JULIAN—Nairukuni, near Levuka, Charles St. Julian, K.C.K., late Chief Justice and Chancellor of Fiji, aged 57 years.
TANDY—Dec. 16, Woolloomooloo, Adelaide Sophia, daughter of John and Henrietta Tandy, aged 15 months and 5 weeks.
THURBURN—Dec. 9, Parramatta, Lieutenant J. H. Thurburn, R.E., aged 29 years.
TIMMINS—Nov. 26, Sydney, Henry, infant son of Thomas and Catherine Timmins, aged 1 year and 5 months.
TREVOR-ROPER—Nov. 15, Sydney, Rose Myra, wife of W. Trevor-Roper, Esq., of Kinsham Court, Radnorshire.
TURNER—Nov. 26, Ultimo, Leila Maude, only daughter of James Edwin and Frances Turner, aged 3 years and 7 months.
TWEEDIE—Dec. 11, Braidwood, Nellie, fourth daughter of George Tweedie, aged 14 months.
WALSH—Dec. 14, Sydney, Emily, youngest daughter of Michael and Mary Walsh, aged 6 years and 11 months.
WARREN—Nov. 20, Sydney, Sarah, wife of Mr. Solomon Warren.
WATERMAN—Dec. 4, Camperdown Road, Mr. William Henry Waterman, aged 53 years.
WATKINS—Dec. 5, Surry Hills, Sarah, relict of the late John Watkins, aged 67 years.
WHEATLEY—Dec. 22, Balmain, Jane Tagholl, wife of Thomas George Wheatley, aged 26 years.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—December 25.

Minora, brig, 249 tons, Captain Smiot, from Adelaide 17th instant. Beilby and Scott, agents.

Ariel, schooner, 134 tons, Captain Bosden, from Fiji 8th instant. Captain, agent.

Helen Macgregor (s.), 360 tons, Captain Turner, from Grafton 24th instant. Passengers—Miss Wart, Miss French, Messrs. French, Merton, Rennix, Harrison, and 14 in the steerage. C. and R. R. Co., agents.

Hunter (s.), 210 tons, Captain Garde, from Eden and Merimbula 24th instant. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Messrs. Ford, Manning, and 9 in the steerage. I. S. N. Co., agents.

Au Revoir, schooner, 188 tons, Captain Firth, from Maryborough 19th instant. Captain, agent.

Ballina (s.), 260 tons, Captain Bracegirdle, from the Macleay 24th instant. Passengers—Messrs. R. B. Smith, Edmonson, and 1 in the steerage. C. and R. R. Co., agents.

Windsor Castle, ship, 979 tons, Captain Purves, from Dartmouth 29th September. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Dele, Messrs. J. W. Pass, C. E. Winter, H. P. Fibridge, J. H. Ware, A. L. King, G. B. Bull, R. G. Alcorn, S. G. Cory, L. J. Hinshelff, Miss M'Kree, Miss M'Paddan. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co., agents.

Normanby (s.), 2000 tons, Captain Park, from Melbourne 23rd instant. Passengers—Mrs. Moore, Mr. Nwee, Mr. Lewis, and 38 chinese. Scott, Henderson, and Co., agents.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—December 26.

Kate Waters, for Shanghai; Sir John Lawrence, for London; Lady Darling, for Port Mackay.

IMPORTS.—December 25.

(A special charge is made for consignees' announcements made in this column.)

Minora, from Adelaide: 3234 bags wheat, 20 tons flour.

Ariel, from Fiji: 146 bales cotton, 40 tons copra.

Au Revoir, from Maryborough: 80,000 feet timber.

Windsor Castle, from London: 224 packages spirits, 269 cases drapery, 696 rails, 1 bin malt, 2538 cases, 1599 packages, 14,455 pieces, 85 casks, 77 bales, 50 kegs.

Ex William Duthie: 20 cases Bell and Co's wax vestas; 14 cases Rimmel's perfumery; 7 cases clocks; 4 cases paper and envelopes; 2 cases ladies' bags; 2 cases I. R. balls; one ton cornelian beads; 1 case Clapshaw's cricket goods; 1 case valentines; 1 case harmoniums; 1 case poll combs; 1 case bread platters; 1 case market baskets; 10 cases assorted workboxes, fancy jewellery, table cutlery and fancy goods.—Hamburger, Brothers, and Co.

Ex William Duthie: 2 cases clocks; 65 cases vestas; 24 cases fancy goods; 1 case puff-boxes; 5 cases harmoniums; 1 case butchers' knives; 1 case brussels bags; 1 case tinfoil; 1 case pipes; 5 casks hobbles; 1 case papier mache goods; 1 case saddle trees; 2 cases electroplated goods; 1 case games; 1 case bridles and bits.—S. Hoffnung and Co.

Ex Au Revoir, from Maryborough: 90,600 feet sawn and dressed timber.—R. Grant.

Ex Bull: 150 bags Duffield's flour—Barker and Co.

Ex Windsor Castle, from London: 150 cases Moir's herrings; 500 half-barrels herrings, 100 cases Bell and Black's vestas—John Fraser and Co.

SHIPS' MAILS.

Mails will close at the General Post Office as follows:—

For Melbourne.—By the Elioro (s.), this day, at 5 p.m.

NOTICE.—DISPATCH OF MAILS VIA GALLE PER CEYLON, FROM MELBOURNE.

Mails containing letters, packets, and newspapers, specially marked "via Galle," will be made up at this office, and forwarded by the Elioro to Melbourne, on SATURDAY next. Mails will close as follows:—

Registered letters, at 6 p.m.

Unregistered letters, at 5 p.m.

Newspapers and packets, at 6 p.m.

LATE LETTERS

For the United Kingdom via Brindisi only, will be received at the General Post Office up to 11 p.m. THIS DAY, Saturday; late fee 6d.

Every letter forwarded by this opportunity will require a 1d stamp irrespective of weight, in addition to the postage formerly charged by this route.

General Post Office, Sydney, 24th December, 1874.

The schooner Ariel left Lomo Lomo, Fiji, on the 8th instant, and reports light variable winds throughout; also, that when in latitude 24° S., three large square logs were passed. They must evidently have been a considerable time in the water, as they were thickly covered with barnacles.

The brig Minora, from Adelaide, with wheat, has had light S.W. winds nearly the whole passage.

The s. s. Helen Macgregor, from Grafton, brings up as cargo 51 bales wool, 633 bags tin ore, 92 bags copper ore, 300 bags maize, 100 bags sugar, 23 bags oysters, 30 hides, 12 pigs, 4 cases eggs, and sundries. She left Grafton at 8 a.m. on the 23rd, crossed the bar at 4 p.m. same day. Experienced N.E. winds to the South Solitary; hence strong southerly winds and heavy sea, arriving in Sydney at 5 a.m. 25th.

The cargo of the Hunter (s.) comprises 275 bales wool, 40 bags oysters, 50 bags bark, and sundries.

The ship Windsor Castle, a constant trader between London and this port, arrived yesterday, under the command of Captain Purves. Her passage has occupied 89 days from pilot to pilot. She bring a large cargo and a full complement of passengers, who, on the termination of the voyage, presented Captain Purves with an address expressive of their feelings for the kindness they have received during a most pleasurable voyage. The Windsor Castle left the West India Docks on the 21st September, and landed the pilot off Dartmouth on the 27th, crossed the Equator on the 28th October, in 27½° W. longitude; passed the meridian of the Cape on the 25th November, ran the easting down on the parallel of 45° and 46° S., and rounded Tasman's on the 20th December. Calms and variable winds were experienced in the Channel, and only moderate N.E. and S.E. trades, and in making her easting she had N.W. to W. winds, but of no force. On the 12th of October, in latitude 5·20 N., longitude 25·50 W., observed a vessel about five miles distance (supposed to be about 800 or 800 tons) on fire, the flames raging fore and aft and the masts gone by the board; at the same time there was a large full-rigged ship hove-to close by the burning vessel, with a boat towing astern in which no doubt the crew were rescued from the burning ship. On the 24th November, in latitude 45° S., longitude 13½° E., passed a large iceberg, the only one seen on the passage.

The Ballina (s.) crossed the Macleay bar at 5 10 a.m. December 24th, passed Seal Rocks at 9 p.m., and arrived in Sydney at 11 a.m. 25th instant. Experienced strong southerly winds to Tacking Point and light variable winds with fine weather the rest of the passage. Cargo: 910 bags maize and sundries.

The Easby (s.), arrived yesterday, from Newcastle. She will leave for Wellington and Otago on the 29th instant.

Captain Park of the steamer Normanby reports that he cast-off from the Sandridge Railway Pier at 3.50 p.m. December 23, and that at 7.10 p.m. pilot left the ship, Point Nepean 7 miles distant, wind S.W. moderate, squalls of rain, and heavy S.W. swell; rounded Wilson's Promontory at 4.30 a.m. December 24, wind south, fine; and at 9.35 p.m. same day passed Gabo Island, wind north, fresh breeze, smooth sea; 1.30 a.m. December 25 passed Twofold Bay, and at 6 10 a.m. Montague Island was abreast; 1.30 p.m. signalled at Cape St. George, wind N.N.E., moderate and fine; 10.30 p.m. received pilot on board; 11.30 p.m. made fast alongside the wharf, and landed passengers, &c.

The barque Mary Ann Holman, from Melbourne, will load a cargo of Wollongong coals for Hongkong.

The St. Osyth (s.).—By telegram from Melbourne we learn that this celebrated steamer, from London to Melbourne, was off Cape Otway on the 24th instant 47 days out from London. Her maiden trip will, therefore, prove the shortest that has ever been accomplished. The *London Illustrated News* of October 31 gives the following description of the ship, as also a well executed illustration:—"This new steamship leaves the Thames for Melbourne to-day. She is a vessel of the largest class, intended to inaugurate a new era in the trade between this country and the Australian colonies. Although steam vessels have been for many years employed in this trade, they have been to a certain extent auxiliary. The St. Osyth, however, is a full-powered vessel of 1860 tons gross register, her engines being 300-horse power nominal, capable of indicating 2500 horses. She has been constructed with all the latest improvements tending to make rapid and successful voyages; while the comforts of the passengers have been specially considered. The vessel has been built by C. Mitchell and Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne, and her principal dimensions are—Length over all, 407 feet; beam, 42 feet; depth, 30 feet. She is barque-rigged, with full poop and long hurricane-deck amidships, which, being connected by a gangway, form an excellent promenade for passengers. The poop is splendidly fitted up, the saloon extending the full width of the vessel, and the ventilation, both of this and the sleeping-cabins, has been specially attended to. The state rooms are fitted in the most complete manner, even to an electric bell for calling the servants. The engines are by Messrs. R. and W. Hawthorn, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. They display all the latest improvements for economy. On the run round from the Tyne to London the vessel averaged in speed nearly thirteen knots with upwards of 2000 tons dead weight on board. The vessel is the property of Messrs. Watts, Milburn, and Co., and has been laden in the South West India Dock. She now leaves for her destination, via Cape of Good Hope, as one of Messrs. Anderson, Anderson, and Co.'s Orient line of ships, calling at Plymouth to embark mails and passengers."

Dismasting of the Windsor Castle.—The following account of the dismasting of the Blackwall liner Windsor Castle is from a report of Captain Warren, of the brig Eastern Star, furnished to the *Natal Mercury*, and published in its issue of the 10th ultimo:—"Left London August 10, 1874; Downs 17th, Channel 23rd; crossed the equator September 25. On October 4, at 3 a.m., in latitude 25.30 S. and longitude 27.30 W., saw a large ship, dismasted, flying English colours. Bore down upon her, and found her to be the Windsor Castle, 1050 tons register, belonging to Messrs. Green, of London. At 8 a.m., close to her, Captain Harrison sent his boat alongside, requesting me to come on board, which I did at once. On my arrival on board I found the crew working hard throwing cargo overboard from the fore and main hatchways, and the gentlemen passengers working both pumps. I sounded the well several times, and found she was making twelve inches per hour. Captain Harrison reports that he left Sydney on the 2nd August, 1874, with a general cargo and 44 passengers, bound to London, and that all went well until the 17th September, then in latitude 57·50 S., and longitude 58·57 W. At 6 a.m. hard squalls from the westward, took in the mizen topsails, when suddenly a heavy squall struck the ship and carried away her mainmast, fore and mizen topmast yards, &c., lee bulwarks, and some of the stanchions. The ship laboured and strained heavily, but did not make much water until the day before I saw her, when she sprung a leak all of a sudden, which caused them to be alarmed. Captain Harrison and passengers wished me to stop by them until the following morning, to see if she got any worse, which I did. I also supplied them with an extra boat, some new cordage, and small water casks, in case of need. On the following morning I hauled close alongside of her, and was informed that she was no worse. She was then steering north, at the rate of three knots per hour, with a fine breeze from the S.S.E., and fine weather. Captain Harrison told me he should try to fetch Bahia, if possible. So I left her about 7 a.m. on the 5th October; and hope she will fetch some port of refuge. I have several letters from the passengers to their friends."

MELBOURNE.

ARRIVALS.

December 21.—Normanby (s.), Dandenong (s.), from Sydney; Glaslyn, from Port Natal.

DEPARTURES.

December 21.—Edith Haviland, Protege, Ann, for Newcastle; Queen of Nations, for London.

EXPORT OF COAL FROM NEWCASTLE.

Export of Coal, from the Companies' Official Returns, for the week ending December 24, 1874.

Port of Shipment.	A. A. Co.	Wallsend.	Lambton.	Waratah.	Co-operative Co.	New Lambton.	Anvil Creek.	Greta.
	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons
Sydney ...	390	697	855	1045	567	352	...	...
Melbourne	1555	545	...	...	56	1672	...	...
Adelaide	...	...	486	574	...	...	...	...
Wallaroo	...	...	...	556	...	...	...	...
Hobart	...	...	318	...	...	...	...	...
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	780	1301	...	...
Hobart Town	...	...	...	291	...	...	...	...
Fiji	...	...	565	...	...	...	...	...
Mackay River	...	31	...	...	...	...	...	...
San Francisco	...	1290	...	...	916	...	...	...
China	...	...	...	...	...	936	...	...
Steamers	131	...	...	39	136	81	...	...
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The Sydney Morning Herald.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1874.

Under all the circumstances the fire at Windsor may be considered less disastrous than it easily might have been. So far as the value of property is concerned, many a fire in Sydney in which only a single tenement has been destroyed has proved more costly, but the event naturally draws our attention to the risk which all our cities are exposed to from fire, and especially to the risk which constantly hangs over Sydney. Hitherto the Australasian colonies may be considered as having escaped tolerably well.

Probably New Zealand has been most severely visited, where so large a proportion of the buildings are made of wood. On the mainland of Australia the great cities and the principal towns have fortunately escaped; and when we consider the prevalence of hot winds in the summer time, we may almost wonder that they have fared so well as they have done. In all these cities great improvements are being made in the construction of buildings: the ancient wooden tenements are giving way to structures of brick and stone; party walls are becoming more common, and slate or iron roofs are taking the place of the cheaper and more dangerous, though cooler, shingles. Yet we cannot consider anything that has been done as establishing an adequate precaution. With such fires as those of Chicago and Boston before our eyes, it seems impossible not to feel that in the presence of a really serious conflagration, especially on a hot day and with a strong wind blowing, all our fire-extinguishing resources would be comparatively powerless. Chicago was said to have been so built as to have encouraged the fire, but in the case of Boston whole rows of massive granite buildings fell victims to the flames, and our sandstone would probably not prove more resisting than the Boston granite.

So far as Sydney is concerned, the present supply of water would, of course, be inadequate for the extinction of any large fire. Great and praiseworthy exertions have been made by the Corporation to increase the storage on the Botany Swamps, and according to the reports of the City Engineer these efforts have resulted in a very great increase in the quantity kept on hand. But in mechanics it is a law that nothing is stronger than its weakest part, and these efforts to increase the storage have not been accompanied by any corresponding efforts to increase the transmitting power by which the water is sent to Sydney. The consequence is that we are forced to recognise the difference of having water at Botany and water at Sydney. The pumping appliances at the engine-house at Botany are precisely the same as they were many years ago, when our present water scheme was first started, and they have the additional disadvantage that two out of the three engines are coupled together, so that one cannot be stopped without the other. When the engines were first put up, their work was to keep the Crown-street reservoir full. The Paddington reservoir was not then in existence, but now it is a very heavy tax on the engine power. Mr. Westcott, in his last report, says that, whereas in the first week of December, 1864, all that was required to supply that reservoir was 1,560,880 gallons, the demand for the first week of December this year was 13,393,584 gallons, or nearly nine times as much. It is easy, therefore, to see that engines that might have been adequate twelve years ago are not adequate now. The city has grown, the demand has increased, fresh dams have been made and the storage increased, but the pumping power remains as it was. This is partly due, doubtless, to the uncertainty that has for some years past prevailed as to the future of the Botany scheme. If it is about to be abandoned entirely, then it would seem unwise to incur a large expenditure for the sake of adding to the engine power—but whatever may be the cause, the fact remains; and though the Botany watershed has been shown to have within itself larger resources than was at one time estimated, the city has not proportionally gained thereby in any increased supply. It is obvious that, if we are to depend on Botany for any number of years to come, we must have more pumping power, and more storage in the town itself.

Even if the defects here pointed out were remedied and water were supplied in greater abundance, it would not be powerful enough to put out, or perhaps to even check, any such fire as that which desolated Chicago or Boston. It requires an immense volume of water really to subdue a raging fire. It is applied to the most advantage, first in stamping out the beginning of a fire, and secondly in preventing its spread to adjoining buildings. But where a hot wind is blowing, and the sparks are driven to considerable distances, it is difficult to stop the spread of the flames. In the absence, however, of any adequate supply of water, the only available method of arresting a conflagration would seem to be by isolating it; and to do this prompt steps should be taken, wherever necessary, to pull down or blow up adjoining premises. The way to utilise small resources to the utmost account is is to have them expended under a perfect organization. In Sydney we certainly have very small resources, and we as certainly have not a perfect organization. The utmost praise is due to the volunteer fire brigades, which have so often rendered good service; but no one would be more ready than they to recognise how what service they could render would be increased by an effective, disciplined, and centralised authority, armed with plenary power. This is a subject which ought not so long to have escaped the attention of the Legislature and the Government; and until the water supply of the city is placed on a more satisfactory foundation, it will be advisable that our defects in that respect should be compensated as far as possible by the judicious organization of the means at our disposal.

Such a centralised authority would, perhaps, long ago, have been placed in municipal hands, if the idea had ever been carried out of making insurance a municipal matter. We have been told that this principle is applied successfully in Berlin, that insurance against fire is there a municipal regulation, that it is compulsory, and that the insurance rate is regularly levied, just as we levy the water rate; an adequate charge having been made in the first instance, and an adequate reserve having been laid by, the rate has been lowered until it has become almost nominal. It is obvious that there are several advantages attending this arrangement, although of course it has the effect of extinguishing *pro tanto* what is usually regarded as a sphere for private enterprise. But by making the whole body of ratepayers mutual insurers, they are all interested in the suppression of fire and in the detection of arson. One system of management covers the whole ground, and the large amount of business concentrated in the one office supplies that broad basis on which all insurance arrangements to be sound must rest. It is obvious that with a corporation that is identified with the expression of fire authoritative arrangement, for doing whatever requires to be done follows as a matter of course. At present the municipal power may be said to be nowhere in the presence of a fire, and the authority of the central Government is equally imperceptible. There is often even a little play at cross purposes, for where there is emulation there will generally be some jealousy. In this way we waste some portion of what resource we have and leave another part unemployed, which is surely unwise when these resources, even when utilised to the utmost, are below par.

The 18th Annual Report of the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in New South Wales, recently presented to both Houses of Parliament, shows that during last year (1873) there were registered for the whole colony 21,444 Births, 7611 Deaths, and 4384 Marriages. The excess of births over deaths gave a natural increase to the population of 13,833 souls. Of the children born, 10,952 were boys, and 10,492 were girls. Of the persons who died, 4599 were males, and 3012 were females. The natural increase consisted, therefore, of 6353 males and 7480 females.

The registrations for the year, compared with those of the two preceding years, were as follows:—

TABLE 1.—Population, Marriages, Births, and Deaths in New South Wales.

	1871.	1872.	1873.
Population	509,648	527,682	549,217
Marriages	3,953	3,925	4,384
Persons married	7,906	7,850	8,768
Births	20,143	20,250	21,444
Deaths	6,407	7,468	7,611
Births over deaths	13,736	12,782	13,833

The population of the colony in the middle of last year was estimated at 549,217, an increase on the preceding year of 21,535, more than four per cent. To this increase the excess of births over deaths contributed 13,833, and the excess of arrivals over departures 7702.

The marriages solemnized last year, 4384 exceeded those of the previous year by 459. The births, 21,444, had increased 1194: while the deaths had increased by only 143. The deaths in proportion to every thousand births were 355; in the previous year they were 369.

In relation to every thousand persons estimated to be living, the marriages, births, and deaths throughout the colony were as under:—

TABLE 2.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths to 1000 Persons living in New South Wales.

	Marriages.	Persons married.	Births.	Deaths.
1869	7·99	15·97	40·5	14·1
1870	7·80	15·60	39·8	13·3
1871	7·77	15·53	39·6	12·6
1872	7·44	14·88	38·4	14·1
1873	7·98	15·96	39·0	13·9
Annual Mean:				
5 years to 1868	8·43	16·86	41·9	17·2
5 years to 1873	7·80	15·60	39·5	13·6
10 years to 1873	8·11	16·22	40·7	15·4

As compared with those of the previous year, the marriage and birth rates of last year were higher, while the death-rate was lower.

The mean rates of the last five years were lower in each class than those of the preceding five. In each thousand of the population, 15.60 persons were married against 16.86, 39·5 children were born against 41·9, and 13·6 persons died against 17·2.

The averages of the ten years give for New South Wales the rates of 16·20 persons married, 40·7 births, 15·4 deaths per 1000 living.

Dividing the colony into the two classes of Metropolitan and Country Districts, we find that during each of the last two years, the population and the numbers and rates of marriages, births, and deaths were as follows:—

TABLE 3.—Metropolitan and Country Districts, 1872 and 1873.

	Sydney and Suburbs. 1872.	1873.	Country*. 1872.	1873.
Numbers.				
Population	143,108	148,667	384,574	400,550
Marriages	1,341	1,574	2,584	2,810
Births	5,315	5,828	14,935	15,616
Deaths	2,725	2,797	4,743	4,814
Births over Deaths	2,590	3,031	10,192	10,802
Rates per 1000:				
Marriages	9·4	10·6	6.7	7·0
Births	37·1	39·2	38·8	39·0
Deaths	19·0	18·8	12·3	12·0
Births over Deaths	18·1	20·4	26·5	27·0

*Under the head of Country Districts are included all the provincial towns and villages.

The marriage and the birth rates of last year were higher than those of the previous year, both in the metropolitan and the country districts, while the death rates were lower. In each ten thousand of the respective populations there were married last year 212 persons in the metropolitan and 140 in the country districts; 392 children were born in the former, and 390 in the latter; 188 persons of both sexes and all ages died in the former, and 120 in the latter. The year's natural increase by excess of births over deaths was at the rate of 204 per 1000 in the metropolitan, and 270 in the country districts.

Marriages.—The Annual Report is still silent as to that important element in our social statistics,—the ages of the persons married. Surely there can be no reasonable excuse for this neglect.

The marriages solemnised by the respective churches and by the Registrars at an interval of five years are subjoined.

TABLE 4.—Marriages Solemnised in 1868 and 1873.

	Numbers. 1868.	1873.	Increase. Actual.	Rate
Church of England	1024	1547	523	51·1
Roman Catholic	912	992	80	8·8
Presbyterian	698	914	216	30·9
Wesleyan	333	462	129	38·7
Congregationalist	96	164	68	70·8
Free Church of England	350	—	—	—
Other churches	90	126	36	40·0
Registrars	233	179	54	23·2
Total marriages	3736	4384	648	17·3

The most notable fact brought out in this table is, that while during the interval of five years the marriages solemnized by the Presbyterian Church have increased (using round numbers) 31 per cent., by the Wesleyans 39 per cent., by the Church of England 51 per cent., and by the Congregationalists 71 per cent., those solemnized by the Roman Catholic Church have increased scarcely 9 per cent.

The civil marriages, or those performed by the Registrars, have fallen from 233 to 179, a declension of 23 per cent.

The Free Church of England, which five years ago celebrated 350 marriages, has disappeared from the list altogether.

Mark Signatures.—In his 34th Annual Report the Registrar-General of England observes:—"The simplest form of writing, that which everybody who masters the art of shaping letters endeavours first to accomplish, is the individual signature; and as numbers of persons succeed in this without making further progress, it follows that the proportion of signatures to marks in the marriage registrars as an educational test conveys no favourable impression of the actual condition of the population. When it is found, therefore, that 104 out of every 1000 men and 268 out of every 1000 women married in 1871 avowed inability to sign their names in the marriage register, it may be taken for granted that those who could have written their names but preferred to make a mark only were not more numerous than those whose caligraphic power was limited to their signatures. Aware that inferences as to educational condition deduced from the marriage returns are subject to limitation, I have nevertheless from my earliest reports, down to the latest, not hesitated to put them forward as conveying an approximate idea of the degree of ignorance among the lower classes. * * The Legislature has now decreed that every child in the country shall be brought under educational influences, and the effect of this wise provision should ultimately be seen in the decline of the proportion of marks in the marriage registers, until all the marriageable people of the preeducational period have given place to generations of men and women capable not merely of writing their names, but instructed in other essential branches of knowledge, the possession of which can hardly fail to raise the national standard of morality as well as of intelligence. As the year 1872 will form a new point of departure in educational matters, it may be useful to show here the extent of the improvement which has taken place as regards the substitution of signatures for marks in the marriage registers between 1841 and 1871."

The report then gives a table showing the average proportion of marks in each quinquennial period during the previous thirty years. Portions of that table are included in the one below, with the view of comparing its elements with our own:—

TABLE 5.—To 100 Marriages the Mean Annual Proportion of cases in which a Mark instead of a Name was written in the Register.

Mean of	N. S. Wales. Men.	Women.	England. Men.	Women.
5 years, 1859-63	19·1	31·2	27·1	38·1
5 years, 1864-68	16·7	25.4	23·6	32·9
5 years, 1869-73	13·8	19·1	20·5	28·3
15 years, 1859-73	16·5	25·2	23·7	33·1

The first thing observable bore is the large excess, both in this country and in England, of brides over bridegrooms who sign with marks. The next is the rapid fall in the proportion of marks. Between the first interval and the last the proportion of marks made by bridegrooms had fallen in New South Wales from 19·1 per cent to 13·8, and in England from 27·1 to 20·5; while the proportion made by brides had fallen in the former country from 31·2 to 19.1, and in the latter from 38·1 to 28·3.

Another striking feature in the table is the superiority of New South Wales as compared with England in this rude test of education. Taking the mean of fifteen years, we find that of 1000 bridegrooms those who sign with marks are 237 in England and only 165 in New South Wales; and of 1000 brides those who sign with marks are 331 in England and only 252 in New South Wales.

Births.—The numbers and proportions of boys and girls born in each of the last three years were as under:—

TABLE 6.—Males and Females Born in New South Wales.

	1871.	1872.	1873.
Male children born	10,326	10,376	10,952
Female children born	9,817	9,317	10,492
Males born to every 100 females born	105·2	103·0	104·4

"The birth registers," says the English report, "have established the fact that more girls than boys are born, the proportion over a series of years being, in round numbers, 104 boys to 100 girls. Sometimes, but only twice within the last twenty years, the ratio becomes 105 to 100, while on two occasions it has fallen below 104 to 100." In New South Wales the mean ratio of the last seventeen years was rather more than 105 (105·076) boys born to 100 girls. The proportion in the latest of these years, 1873, was 104·4 to 100.

The illegitimate births in England in the latest year was 5·6 per cent. of the whole births registered; in New South Wales it was only 4·1 per cent. The mean of the latest ten years was in England 6·1 per cent.; it New South Wales in was only 3·8 per cent.

Deaths.—The English report gives full particulars of the rates of mortality of males and females at different ages. On this head our colonial report is very defective; for instead of specifying the ratio of deaths at each age to the persons living at that age, it gives the ratio to the number of deaths at all ages. And even this information is given in a form exceedingly diffuse, and, for all purposes of reference, inconvenient in the last degree.

In the table below the relative mortality of the sexes is shown, under several aspects:—

TABLE 7.—Annual Rate of Mortality of Males and of Females in New South Wales.

	Mean of 17 years, 1857-73.	Year 1873.
1. Deaths of Males to 1000 Males living	17·5	15·3
2. Deaths of Females to 1000 Females living	14·6	12·2
3. Deaths of Males to 100 Deaths of Females	152	153
4. Of equal numbers living, Deaths of Males to every 100 Deaths of Females	120	125

Paragraphs 1 and 2 in this table exhibit the rates of mortality of each sex upon its own numbers living. The sanitary improvement of the population is here strikingly indicated; the death-rate of last year having been for males 15·3 per 1000 against the average of 17·5, and for females 12·2 per 1000 against the average of 14 6.

Paragraph 3 shows that on comparing the number of males who died in the year with the number of females who died in the same year, it is found that to each 100 females who died in 1873 there died 153 males against the average of 152 in the seventeen years.

Paragraph 4 shows that, assuming the population to consist of equal numbers of the sexes, the deaths of males last year were 125 to every 100 deaths of females, the mean proportion of the seventeen years having been 120.

In conclusion we submit a comparative view of our vital statistics with those of several parts of the old world.

TABLE 8.—Annual Rates of Marriage, Birth, and Death to 1000 persons living.

	Marriage Rate†	Birth Rate.	Death Rate.
New South Wales	16·2	40·7	15·4
England	16·6	35·3	22·6
Scotland	14·1	35·0	22·3
Ireland	16·7	35·0	22·6
France	15·6	25·3	23·5
Austria	15·0	39·6	30·3
Prussia	16·8	39·3	28·8
Italy	15·0	37·2	30·1
Spain	15·1	37·2	29·7

Here is another corroboration of the fact so frequently referred to in these columns, that in the two elements of a country's natural increase of population, a high rate of birth and a low rate of death, New South Wales, as compared with European countries, stands unrivalled.

†Persons married.

Leniency to Incorrigibles.—The verdict given by twelve "good men and true" of Melbourne, which would make it appear that one of the most notorious scoundrels in Victoria is a "much-injured individual," and that even attempts at murder are not altogether unjustifiable if they lead to the investigation of any supposed oppression, is already bringing about its fruits. The *Argus* of Tuesday says:—"It is evident from circumstances that have recently occurred at the Pentridge Stockade that the authorities will have some difficulty in maintaining discipline among a certain class of convicts for the future, and in all probability a jury composed of such men as acquitted Weechurch will soon have an opportunity of showing similar leniency to others of the same class of criminals. As soon as the acquittal of Weechurch became known among the prisoners, a notorious ruffian named Wilson, who is undergoing a long sentence for a horrible crime, was very demonstrative in giving expression to his feelings before a number of the prisoners. He threw up his hands and shouted that Weechurch was acquitted. It was thought that this conduct might create a spirit of insubordination among the prisoners, and Wilson was brought before the superintendent, when he became very abusive, and made use of threatening language. He was ordered to be locked in his cell, where it is with great difficulty and danger to the lives of the warders who are attending him that he is kept in proper restraint. He is one of the most powerfully-built prisoners in the stockade, and he has borne a bad character ever since he has been at Pentridge."

Dog seized by a Shark.—About twenty minutes past 5, yesterday afternoon, whilst a fine retriever dog was in the act of having a bathe off Lady Macquarie's Chair he was suddenly seized by a shark, which, it was conjectured, must have measured from ten to fourteen feet. At the time of the occurrence there were a considerable number of people both on the land and in boats, and their attention was attracted by a yelp from the dog, which immediately afterwards disappeared, leaving the water near the spot very much discoloured with blood. At the time when the dog was taken he could not have been more than twelve yards from the rocks. Shortly before this incident took place a boat full of larrikins passed over the place referred to and commenced splashing each other with water and fighting in the boat. Perhaps this may serve as a caution to some of the young men who are in the habit of risking their lives whilst upon boating excursions.

A Suicide.—The Old Story.—The *Argus* of Tuesday relates that a young man, named James Ballantyne, committed suicide yesterday in Carroll's Royal Mail Hotel, corner of Bourke and Swanston streets. He had been stopping there nearly three weeks under the name of Chirnside, representing himself as the nephew of the squatter of that name. Mr. Carroll advanced him several sums, amounting to £41, and he gave a cheque for £45, which proved valueless. He was told this on Friday, and said it would be all right. He left the hotel for a day or two, but Mr. Carroll met him, and spoke to him. He said the cheque would be all right, and Mr. Carroll told him there was no need for him to go away if that was the case. At a little after midnight on Sunday he went up to bed at Carroll's. Yesterday morning, at about 9 o'clock, the waiter was sent to his room to ask if he would have breakfast, and returned reporting that Ballantyne—or, as he was known at the hotel, Chirnside—was in a fit. Mr. Carroll and a gentleman went up and found him dying. They sent for Mr. Jenkins, who found that the man was dead. A bottle of strychnine was discovered under his pillow, and the symptoms were those of poisoning by strychnine. An inquest will be held. The deceased last Saturday went to the shop of James Ellis, corner of Elizabeth and Collins streets, and obtained a suit of clothes and 11s. change, in return for a cheque of £5, signed 'R. Chirnside.' He said his name was R. Chirnside; and he represented himself as a nephew of Mr. Chirnside of Sunbury. He said the clothes were to be sent to the Royal Hotel, at St. Kilda; and they were sent there, but, as he was not known, the things were brought back. A warrant was issued against him for obtaining goods by false pretences. The deceased was identified by his mother and sister, living in St. Kilda, as James Ballantyne.

Accident from Fire.—The Goulburn *Herald* reports that on Wednesday morning Mrs. Murphy, an aged woman, wife of Mr. Denis Murphy, of Spring Valley, while removing a camp oven from the fire, ignited her dress, which was of light material, and she was speedily enveloped in flames. A little girl, Mrs. Murphy's grandchild, was in the house at the time, and she with great presence of mind threw a bucket of water over her grandmother and extinguished the flames. The whole of the sufferer's clothes were ignited, and her hands and chest were severely burnt. A coarse apron which she threw over her head protected her face from the flames.

Lost in the Bush.—On Monday, 14th December (the *Clarence River Examiner* states), a lad, named Louis Vesper, ten years of age, left the Travellers' Rest, Richmond and Tenterfield Roads, to look for a horse, taking with him three of Mr. J. T. Lovel's children, two girls and a boy, aged respectively Maggie, nine years; Theresa, seven years, and Frederick, five years. At dinner time none of the party could be found; and the alarm was given, when a large number of volunteers started out in all directions, and came upon their tracks in an easterly direction about five miles from the Rest, and the search was followed up until nightfall, when it became very dark, still the search was continued all night, cooeying and firing off guns at intervals. At daylight Mr. Lovel and some of the party returned to the Rest for a few minutes, where no tidings of the children had been heard, and then resumed the search; fortunately, about 7 a.m. on Tuesday, the children were recovered about four miles from Ghibragee, and eleven from their home, evidently none the worse for their night's camping out; the youngest, when found, merely remarking that he thought that some one would go to look for them. On being questioned, he said, "I was lost and slept in the ashes." From the route taken by the children, it appears they must have travelled at least thirty miles that day, and continued walking till they came to a bush fire, where they camped all night, starting again next morning before the stars were down. It is singularly fortunate that they were discovered at the time they were, as the little wanderers were just on the eve of entering some very difficult and dangerous country, which had they succeeded in reaching, the chances are they would all have perished, before they could have been recovered. The shock caused to Mrs. Lovel by the great fright brought on a severe fit of illness, but from which we are glad to learn she is recovering.

Infant Life.—A marked improvement in the statistics relating to mortality amongst infants would take place if Mrs. Johnson's American Soothing Syrup were used universally. It is perfectly free from any narcotic, and is used externally only. None genuine without the name of "Barclay and Sons, Farringdon-street," is on the stamp. Sold by all chemists, at 1s 9d, a bottle. Agents, Pratt, and Elliott, Brothers, Sydney.—Adv.

TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATED PRESS TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE.

FRIDAY.

Dr. William Gardiner, formerly of the Melbourne University, has been appointed junior house surgeon of the Adelaide Hospital.

Weather magnificent.

THE HAWKESBURY MEETING.

A CAPITAL programme will be played out at Hawkesbury, to-day. For the big handicap, Speculation is still first favourite, but Goldsbrough, who at one time threatened to dethrone him, is not nearly so firm, owing to a rumour having been circulated to the effect that he will not start. However, the horse has not been quite knocked out, as the public have too much confidence in Mr. Tait to believe that he would take the son of Fireworks to the "seat of war" only to scratch him at the last moment. Special trains will leave Sydney at different hours during the morning to convey visitors to the course. The following are the entries:—

Maiden Plate of 5 sovereigns each for starters, with 100 sovereigns added. Penalties for winning, once, 5 lbs; twice or more, 7 lbs. Second horse, 10 sovereigns from the prize. One mile and a half.

	st.	lbs.
Mr. Bales's b m Misnomer, 5 years	9	0
Cornwell's ch g Seesaw, 4 years	8	6
Dines's br b David, 3 years	7	4
Tait's b c Melbourne, 3 years	7	4
Rose's ch c New Warrior, 3 years	7	4
Bowman's ch c Athos, 3 years	7	4
Ivory's b f Gazelle, 3 years	7	1
Town's b f by Tarragon—Sultana, 3 years	7	1
Ivory's b f by Kingston—Bylong's Sister, 3 years	7	1

Sapling Stakes of 10 sovereigns each, half forfeit, or 3 sovereigns only if declared by 1st December, 1874, with 100 sovereigns added. For two-year-olds, colts, 8 st; fillies, 7 st 10 lbs. Five furlongs.

Mr. Richards's br c Saunterer, by Maribyrnong—Miss Magus
Arkins's blk f, by The Barb—Blanche
Bowman's b f, by Barbarian—Avenue—Beatrice
Bradbury's ch c Prince Charlie, by The ... ness
Tait's br or blk c, by The Barb—Brown Duchess
—— b c Gillie Callum, by The Barb—Robina
Cheeke's b c, by Millionaire—Clove
—— b c, by Millionaire—Gipsy
Pepperdy's br f Elinor, by The Barb—Frantic
Town's br f Maria Stuart, by Maribyrnong—Lady Mary
—— b f Compensation, by Maribyrnong—Regina
Hill's blk c Field Marshal, by The Barb—*Flora M'Ivor*
—— b c, by Kingston—Valetta
Ivory's b f Slumber, by Maribyrnong—Sultana
Rouse's b f Esmeralda, by Yattendon—Busyfoot
Sequi's br g My Lord, by Lord of Linne—Undine
Bales's b or br c Richmond, by Maribyrnong—Rose of Australia
—— b c New Holland, by Old England—Cassia
—— br f Cerito, by Yattendon—Quickstep
Matthews's br c Spectator
Sir H. Robinson's ch f Barbara, by Kingston—Y. Guinare
—— br c Valentine, by Yattendon—Vanity

Hawkesbury Handicap of 10 sovereigns each for starters, with 200 sovereigns added. The second horse to receive 25 sovereigns from the prize. One mile and three quarters.

	st.	lbs.
Mr. Tait's br h Goldsbrough, 4 years	8	12
Rose's b h Priam, 6 years	8	0
Tait's b h The Arrow, 5 years	7	12
Sir H. Robinson's b h Speculation, 4 years	7	4
Mr. Tait's b h M'Callum Mohr	7	2
Archer's c h Lord Lyon, 6 years	6	10
Town's b h Othello, 4 years	6	8
Hall's b h St. Helliers, 5 years	6	7
Ivory's b h Ladybird, 5 years	6	7
Bowman's ch h Sunlight, 5 years	6	7
Bales's br m Misnomer, 5 years	6	7
Town's b h Adventurer, 5 years	6	6
Mathews's ch h Blair Athol, 4 years	6	6
Allright's b m Maritana, 4 years	6	0
Ivory's ch m Marchioness, 5 years	6	0
Cornwell's ch g Seesaw, 4 years	6	0
Hall's ch h Merry Monarch, 5 years	5	12

Grand Stand Stakes, a sweepstakes of 5 sovereigns each, half forfeit, with 100 sovereigns added. For all horses carrying welter weights. Once round, about one mile and a quarter. A winner of any prize under the value of 100 sovereigns allowed 7 lbs.; maidens at starting allowed 12 lbs.

	st.	lbs.
Mr. Champney's g g Mount, 6 years	11	2
Rose's b h Priam, 6 years	11	5
Archer's ch h Lord Lyon, 6 years	11	5
Hall's b g Barefoot, aged	11	5
Lewis's b h Othello, 4 years	10	9
Cornwell's ch g Seesaw, 4 years	10	6
Bowman's ch c Athos, 3 years	9	6
Ivory's b f by Kingston—Bylong's Sister, 3 years	9	3
—— b f Gazelle 3 years	9	3

Members' Purse of 5 sovereigns each, half forfeit, entrance fee only if declared by the 16th December, with 100 sovereigns added for all horses, to be handicapped. Second horse 15 sovereigns from the prize. The winner of the Hawkesbury Handicap to carry 7 lbs extra. Once round the course; about one mile and a quarter.

	st.	lbs.
Mr. Hillas's br h Stanhope, 5 years	8	0
Ivory's b m Ladybird, 5 years	7	7
Archer's ch h Lord Lyon, 6 years	7	7
Town's b h Othello, 4 years	7	7
Hall's b h St. Heliers 5 years	7	5
Bowman's ch h Sunlight, 5 years	7	5
Matthews's ch h Blair Athol, 4 years	7	4
Town's b h Adventurer, 5 years	7	4
Richards's b g Duke, 6 years	7	4
Ivory's b m Marchioness, 5 years	6	12
Bott's b g Glaucus, 4 years	6	10
Hall's ch h Percy, 6 years	6	10
Richards's br m Songstress, 4 years	6	[illegible]
Rose's b c New Warrior, 3 years	6	[illegible]

NEWCASTLE JOCKEY CLUB SPRING MEETING.

THE following are the entries for the handicaps.

SHORTS HANDICAP.

Mr. W. Archer's ch h Lord Lyon, 6 years
W. Curtis's b m The Gift, aged
W. Durham's ch g Filibuster, 4 years
J. Mayo's ch m Express, 4 years
—— b h Lord John, 4 years
T. Ivory's ch m Marchioness, 5 years
G. S. Hall, jun.'s, ch h Barefoot, aged
G. Shoesmith's b h Jacky Dodd, 3 years
W. Harris's g g Greyskin, 5 years
A. Cobcroft's b h Sunnyside
—— b g Veto
Alex. Forbes's g m Spider, 4 years
Allright's Conqueror, 3 years
—— Maritana, 4 years
J. Brown's Lycurgus, 6 years
W. H. Hillas's Stanhope, 5 years.

NEWCASTLE JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP.

Mr. W. Archer's ch h Lord Lyon, 6 years
A. Town's b h Othello, 4 years
—— b h Adventurer, 5 years
John Mayo's b h Lord John, 4 years
T. Ivory's b m Ladybird, 5 years
Dr. Bowker's b h Sir Solomon, 4 years
Alwright's Corisand, 3 years
—— Maritana, 4 years
John Tait's Arrow
Herbert's Priam, 6 years
W. H. Hillas's Stanhope, 5 years.

FREE HANDICAP.

Mr. W. Archer's ch h Lord Lyon, 6 years
W. Durham's ch g Filibuster, 4 years
J. Mayo's b h Ingo, 3 years
—— b h Lord John, 4 years
T. Ivory's ch m Marchioness, 5 years
J. Goldy's b c Sir Roger, 3 years
G. Shoesmith's bl h Jacky Dodd, 3 years
W. Harris's g g Greyskin, 5 years
A. Cobcroft's b h Sunnyside
—— b g Veto
A. Forbes's g m Spider, 4 years
Allright's Conqueror
—— Corisand
J. Brown's Lycurgus
W. H. Hillas's Stanhope.

CITY HANDICAP.

Mr. W. Archer's ch h Lord Lyon, 6 years
A. Town's b h Othello, 4 years
—— b h Adventurer, 5 years
J. Bales's b m Misnomer (late Queen of Clubs), 5 years
J. Goldy's br c Sir Roger, 3 years
J. Mayo's br h Lord John, 4 years
T. Ivory's ch m Marchioness, 5 years
—— b m Ladybird, 5 years
Dr. Bowker's bl h Sir Solomon, 4 years
Mr. G. S. Hall's, jun., ch h Percy, 6 years
J. Mayo's b h Iago, 3 years
A. J. Griffiths's b h Warrior, 3 years
G. Shoesmith's b h Tommy Dodd, aged
A. Cobcroft's bh h Sunnyside
Allright's Conqueror
—— Maritana
J. Brown's Lycurgus
J. Tait's The Arrow
Herbert's Priam
W. H. Hillas's Stanhope.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—Yesterday morning, a cabman named Peter Williams, residing at Brisbane-street, off Parramatta-street, while driving his hansom, received several severe wounds to his face, by his horse falling and throwing him off his cab. He was taken to the Infirmary where his wounds were dressed.

MISSION CHURCH.—A mission church was opened at Sheepbridge, in the parish of Whittington, near Chesterfield, on November 14. The opening services were conducted by the Rev. G. W. Bosham, rector of Whittington, the Rev. W. H. Walsh, prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral and vicar of Alrewas (late of Christ Church, Sydney), and the Rev. J. T. Jeffcock, vicar of Wolstanton. The church is intended chiefly for the accommodation of the men employed in the Sheepbridge ironworks and their families.

SACRED CONCERT AT THE VICTORIA THEATRE.—A well-arranged programme, professional artists of ability, and amateurs of great promise delighted a very large and fashionable audience at the Victoria Theatre last evening. If any fault could be found, it would be in the number of pieces named for performance. The various selections were received with more than usual approbation. The opening piece, Mendelssohn's grand "War March," from "Athalie," for piano, organ, and orchestra, was a very fine and finished performance. Signor Giorza's rendering of selections from Beethoven's sonatas, 3, 11, and 12, was the instrumental masterpiece of the evening, and was listened to throughout with marked interest, interrupted occasionally by outbursts of applause. In the second part the Signor played Wely's "Monastery Bell," and "Sancta Mater," from Rossini's "Stabat Mater." Mr. John Bushelle's fine bass voice was shown to great advantage in the solo, "Domine Deus." One of the gems of the evening, the finale to the first part, "Jesu, Dei viva," by Miss Moon, Mr. Newman, and a gentleman amateur, was enthusiastically redemanded, and the singers were greeted with loud and continuous applause on their reappearance. Miss Wangenheim, Miss Godfrey, and Mr. Hinchy contributed to complete a highly successful evening's entertainment, and the Signor may be congratulated on his concert being a decided success.

THE DISASTROUS FIRE AT WINDSOR.

OUR correspondent sends us the following account of the late disastrous fire at Windsor, as observed by him, with some particulars that have not yet been published.

Without doubt the most alarming and disastrous conflagration that was ever witnessed here, and probably in any other town in this colony, occurred on Wednesday last. A heavy gale was blowing from early morning, and increased by 1 o'clock p.m. into a terrific hurricane. The whole atmosphere was densely intensified by the smoke from the bush fires from almost every point of the compass. At 2 p.m. an alarm of fire was raised in the town, and the news rapidly ran that several places were on fire, which was readily verified by the appearance of flames. From the best information that can be obtained there were, if the expression can be pardoned, *two origins*. And I will take the first. The fire then commenced at Montgomery's blacksmith's shop, the roof of which, by some means, had become ignited; and the presumption is that the sparks were carried by the north-west wind across George-street, to O'Hara's stores, containing a very large stock of tin, earthenware, china, and other goods. The packings of these goods, being of straw, were quickly fanned in flames, and the whole premises became enveloped, conveying the raging element to the premises of Mr. Gosper, in Macquarie-street, where were a number of large wooden buildings. From this point matters took a most alarming aspect; and so quickly were the buildings, including Mr. Gosper's dwelling-house, under fire that scarcely time was given to save an article, the wind being so strong that no human power could be of any avail to stay the hellish agent of devastation. It is somewhat difficult to trace the course of the fire, but the most probable idea is that the flames quickly caught the adjoining premises—Mr. Linsley's dwelling-house and tannery on one side, and Mr. Dunstan's dwelling on the other; the sparks and tongued flames being carried at the same time across the street to the row of houses occupied by Mr. W. Alderson and others, and to Mr. Alderson's tannery buildings—extending to the Oddfellows' Hall—a large brick building, and Mr. Tilley's weatherboard cottage adjoining, all of which were totally destroyed. The fire then proceeded on its resistless course up both sides of Macquarie-street, demolishing a row of cottages and the Wesleyan chapel and mission-house on one side, and a number of small tenements and the houses and buildings of Mr. Calloway, Mr. John Bowling (occupied by Mr. J. Pender), a large barn (the property of Mr. John Wood), and the whole of the valuable premises of Mrs. Rochester on the other. The supposed second fire broke out in Whittaker's buildings in George-street, part occupied by Mr. W. Byrnes as a grocery store, and part by the *Hawkesbury Times* Office. The flames from this building communicated with the Barraba Hotel, kept by Miss Bushell, a small tenement adjoining, and then with Mortley's boot shop, and Byram's chemist's shop. From the Barraba Hotel (which is situated at the corner of George and Fitzgerald streets) the fire ran down Fitzgerald-street, consuming all the buildings on the southern side. Mr. John Woods's house and premises were also burnt down, but whether the ignition to those buildings was caused by a connection of the flames from Fitzgerald-street, or Macquarie-street, I cannot now say. Two other houses in George-street have also been destroyed—the one occupied by Mrs. Stubbs, and the other a two-storied brick house, occupied by Mr. Trathen, at either side of O'Hara's, where the first progress of the conflagration was observed. So far as can be learned the above is a description as well as my humble pen can give it of the course of the fire. About 3 o'clock the fire was raging most fiercely, and every one was crying out that the whole town would be destroyed. Women and children were running about the streets in the most frantic manner. George-street, from New-street to Kable-street, was lined with furniture and goods taken from burning houses, and houses which it was thought there was little hope of saving. In Macquarie-street quantities of furniture were burned in the roadway; so fierce was the fury of the flames that no one could go near to get them away. The fire extended over an area of thirty acres, destroying fifty-three buildings, including thirty-six residences. Many families are left homeless, and have lost their all. The public buildings were thrown open to those so ruthlessly and suddenly driven from their comfortable homes, and many of them are utterly ruined. The Volunteer Fire Brigade, under superintendent Coley, were out rendering all the possible assistance, but nothing could be done for a very long time to stay the fiery element. Fortunately, the wind lulled about half-past 3, and by the untiring exertions of the people—the direction of the wind keeping favourable—the further aggression was stayed. Had the flames crossed Fitzgerald-street, where the main point of defence was made nothing on earth would have stopped the whole of that side of George-street, as far as the Bank of New South Wales from destruction, and, if the wind had chopped round to the south both sides would most certainly have been demolished. But thanks, the fates were propitious so far. At 3 o'clock fire-engines were telegraphed for to Sydney, and at a quarter-to 5 Mr. Bown arrived by special train, with a steam fire-engine and manuals from Nos. 1 and 2 Volunteer Companies, and twelve men. A steam-engine from No. 2 also arrived by the ordinary train, at 7 o'clock, but was not called into requisition. Superintendent Bown immediately placed himself in communication with Mr. Coley, superintendent of the Windsor brigade, and it was arranged to place the steamer at Cadell's waterhole to pump up the water into George-street, at the junction of Little New-street. This was accordingly done through a line of hose extending over 700 feet, and by these means two manual engines in George-street were well supplied with water, which was distributed and discharged in places where most danger was apprehended. Too much credit cannot be awarded to Mr. Superintendent Bown, and those who worked with him, for their zealous efforts. While the fire was raging in Macquarie-street several horses and other animals were destroyed. Mrs. William Alderson, an elderly lady, and an invalid, narrowly escaped, and was carried out from the flames by one of her sons, her clothes at the time being on fire. An old woman, named Eliza Wilson, whilst attempting to escape from a house in Macquarie-street, was overtaken by the flames and burnt to death. And I may here mention, with profound regret, that Mrs. Abraham Johnston, whilst travelling in a buggy with her husband through the Wilberforce Common, was overtaken by a bush fire, and her clothes igniting, was so severely burnt that she died on her way to Windsor. During the progress of the fire in the town the greatest consternation prevailed. It was not till late at night that all danger was thought to be over, and the engines were kept playing on the burning ruins till 1 o'clock this morning. Inspector Fosbery and a detachment of police arrived by special train, and were energetic in preserving order, the men also assisting the working of the engines. The Hon. Saul Samuel and other gentlemen also came to view the scene of devastation. Your special correspondent, to whom I endeavoured to afford all the information possible, has already enumerated the buildings destroyed, and the probable estimate of losses, so that it would be superfluous for me to recapitulate. So far as I have been able to ascertain, the property destroyed amounts in value to about £15,000, of which £3715 only are covered by insurance, as follows:—Sydney Insurance, £1340; Liverpool and London and Globe, £1375; and the Imperial, £1000. Amongst those who took a prominent part in the work of yesterday, in endeavouring to stay the progress of the conflagration, I may mention the Rev. C. F. Garnsey, R. Coley, W. Gosper, J. Holmes, A. Town, S. Greenwell, W. Beard, and J. Crowley; but I find I cannot enumerate all, and am sure that any I have omitted to mention will, under the circumstances, excuse me. During this morning the engines were engaged in playing upon the smouldering embers, and many were employed in removing from the ruins any articles of worth. The town to-day was thronged with visitors from various parts to view the scene. The 23rd day of December, 1874, has been a black day for Windsor, and long will it be remembered by all who witnessed the sad and sorrowful catastrophe.

24th December

PUBLIC MEETING.

A public meeting was held last evening, in the School of Arts, convened by the Mayor, in compliance with a requisition addressed to him, for the purpose of taking some steps to ameliorate the sufferers by the late disastrous fire. There was a large attendance, including several gentlemen from the neighbouring town of Richmond.

The MAYOR (Mr. J. M'Quade), upon taking the chair, said he had called the meeting in compliance with a requisition presented to him, and was sorry to have to preside upon such a mournful occasion. They were all so well aware of the circumstances which had called them together that it was unnecessary for him to make any lengthened observations. He would, however, tell them that he had received a telegram from Mr. Driver stating that he had arranged for a public meeting to take place in Sydney on Thursday next, and that his Excellency the Governor had consented to take the chair.

The Rev. C. F. GARNSEY then moved the first resolution,—"That this meeting deeply sympathise with the sufferers by the recent disastrous fire, and hereby pledges itself to use every effort to assist them." There was no occasion for him to occupy their time with a speech, as the proofs of the disaster lay around them, and he was sure that every one to the extent of their ability would assist in the laudable object for which the meeting had been called.

Mr. W. B. RICHARDS, J.P., seconded the resolution. Carried nem. con.

The Rev. P. FITZGERALD proposed,—"That a committee be formed for the purpose of collecting and receiving subscriptions in aid of those who had suffered, and to disburse the same. The committee to consist of the following gentlemen:—The Mayor and clergymen, and Messrs. R. Ridge, J.P., J. Tebbutt, W. Walker, W. Beard, S. T. Greenwell, W. S. Hall, J.P.; B. Richards, J.P.; A. Town, J.P., R. Dick, J.P., J. B. Johnston, J.P.; W. H. Holborrow, J.P.; T. Primrose, and W. J. Crew; and that Mr. R. Coley be treasurer, and Mr. W. Dean hon. secretary." The rev. gentleman said that on such an occasion it was deeds, not words, that were required, and he moved the resolution without further comment.

Mr. J. TEBBUTT seconded the resolution, which was unanimously carried.

The Rev. Dr. SHEEHY proposed,—"That a subscription list be now opened." He said that was the practical part of the business, and the sooner it was entered upon the better, considering the unfortunate circumstances surrounding them.

Mr. A. TOWN seconded the resolution, which was put and carried.

A list was then opened and subscriptions put down amounting to over £250.

Mr. W. DEAN moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, and in doing so stated that as a matter of duty he thought that those whose property had been spared had great cause for gratitude, and the way to show it was by rendering all the help they could to the unfortunate sufferers, many of whom had been left with nothing but the clothes they stood in. He was sure that Australia would do her duty in such an emergency, and from Sydney and the country generally there would be such a response to their appeal as would enable the committee to place some of the sufferers in a position to face the world again. The resolution was carried unanimously, and the meeting concluded.

EXTENSIVE BUSH FIRES AROUND NEWCASTLE.

(From the Pilot of Thursday.)

THE intense heat prevailing on Wednesday culminated in probably one of the most extensive bush fires that has taken place in this district for many years past. The weather for some days had been unusually sultry, and in the neighbourhood of Newcastle the nature of the country was specially favourable for the spread of fire. There had been no rain worth speaking of for many weeks, and the densely growing tea-tree scrub which environs several of the outlying townships was so parched that it required but little aid to cause a fire, once created, to spread with alarming rapidity. The most serious of the three conflagrations under notice took place at Waratah, and, at one period, it was feared that considerable destruction of property would have resulted.

The fire first broke out on the Great Northern Railway, near the Wallsend Junction, and the general belief is that it was caused by sparks from one of the coal train engines. The wind was blowing heavily from W.N.W. at the time, and fanned by this the flames rapidly spread in the direction of Waratah. To the northward of Waratah, the country for a distance of a couple of miles is a dead flat, thickly covered with tea-tree scrub, which extends close to either side of the principal thoroughfare, leading from the railway station to the Folly, and also in another direction, borders the main road between Maitland and Newcastle. Surrounded by the scrub, there are several occupied houses, the land in the neighbourhood of which has been cleared to a very slight extent only. Any serious results from the fire of yesterday were not apprehended until between 1 and 2 o'clock, when the flames which had broken out originally in the dry grass growing within the railway fences, began to take a wider circuit, and in a very short time extended a considerable distance into the bush. By 2 o'clock the fire had obtained a firm hold, and soon afterwards the scrub for a distance of half a mile to the eastward of the Wallsend Junction, was a mass of roaring flame—which was carried by the strong wind then blowing in the direction of Waratah. Towards three o'clock the fire had so far increased that serious fears began to be entertained for the safety of the houses before alluded to; and a considerable number of the residents of Waratah turned out for the purpose of rendering whatever assistance might be required. By half-past three the flames had, in an easterly direction, demoralised the scrub to within a couple of hundred yards of the road leading from the station, and the sparks began to fall in dense showers on the roof of the premises occupied by Mr. Cunliffe, and owned by Mr. Anderson, of the Crystal Palace Hotel. Mr. Anderson had, a short time previously, been communicated with, and he proceeded to Waratah by the half-past three train. On his arrival he found that several men were employed in preventing the roof of the house from igniting. Buckets of water were poured upon it, and wet blankets were spread over the shingles, and, by these means, the danger was arrested until the wind changed slightly, and the fire took another direction. Mr. Anderson, however, remained at Waratah, and held a gang of men in readiness to extinguish the flames in the event of the latter breaking out again in the neighbourhood of his premises.

It was next evident that the house occupied by Mr. Charles Thomas, manager of the port Waratah Smelting Works, was in imminent danger. These premises were formerly occupied by Mr. R. W. Petherbridge, and they face the Maitland Road, nearly half a mile distant from Mr. Cunliffe's house. Mr. Thomas, as soon as possible, set a number of men to work to check the approach of the fire, which was then within one hundred yards of the southern and western fences of the grounds, including his house. The best means of doing so seemed to be to create a fire, which should meet the main body of fire, and this course was adopted, and there cannot be a doubt that by this means the house was saved from destruction. Although the scrub in the neighbourhood of Mr. Thomas's residence was thus burnt off for a considerable distance, before the principal fire reached the boundary of the cleared land, the falling sparks and embers had ignited the fencing, destroying a considerable number of banana trees within the enclosure, and also burning numerous plants which were growing about a dozen yards from the house. Next door to Mr. Thomas's, and further out of range of the fire, are premises occupied by Mr. Michels, one of the workmen employed at the Port Waratah Works, and he considered the danger to be so great that he removed his furniture. Nearer to the station are houses occupied by Mr. Sawyer and others, and on the roofs of these premises water was plentifully poured to prevent the shingles from taking fire.

At half-past 5 o'clock the fire had covered an area of two and a half miles in length by three-quarters of a mile wide; but owing to the precautions abovementioned the damage had, with the trifling exception stated, in connection with Mr. Thomas' grounds, been confined to the scrub only. When our reporter left the locality at the hour stated the bush was for the most part a blackened mass, the trees being entirely denuded of foliage, while in many parts, but happily not near houses, the flames still burnt fiercely. It was not then anticipated that there would be further damage; but to prevent any result of this kind, a number of men were kept in readiness to protect the houses should the latter be again approached by the flames.

The fire which might have been attended with very serious damage to house property, demonstrates the necessity for clearing off the scrub from the locality in question, which might be effected at a trifling cost. Mr. Anderson intends adopting this course as a protection to his premises; and it would be well if other owners of property in the locality followed the example, as the greater part of the land is still covered by a scrub sufficiently thick to create serious fears of damage should another fire of the kind break out while the wind is blowing in a different direction.

Several minor fires have been reported to us from various neighbourhoods. In the direction of Mr. Merewether's residence, there was a large conflagration at 3 o'clock, but the flames appeared to die out towards sunset. Towards Port Stephens there were also several other fires; and yesterday afternoon, on the arrival of the Kembla, Captain Budd stated that there were numerous fires blazing along the coast.

FOUND DROWNED.—An inquest will be held this morning, at 9 o'clock, at the Observer Tavern, touching the death of a seaman belonging to the French barque Camille, now lying alongside Rountree's floating dock, Darling Harbour. The circumstances connected with his death are, that he was seen yesterday lying asleep on board the barque on the topgallant forecastle. Soon after some blackfellows belonging to the ship saw the sleeve of a man's coat sinking in the water. The matter was reported to the captain, who had a search made for the missing man. His cap was found on the forecastle where he had been lying, but no traces of the man himself could be found on the ship. Orders were then given by the captain, and men were sent ashore to see if the missing man had joined his shipmates, but it was ascertained he had not. The captain then proceeded to the water police station and reported the circumstance there. The water police went to the ship with a coupling of grappling-irons, but on their arrival found that the blacks belonging to the vessel had dived down into the water and recovered the body. Life was extinct when the body was taken from the water. The police conveyed the body to the dead-house, Circular Quay.

A LUNATIC IN THE BUSH.—The *Newcastle Pilot* states that on Wednesday morning, while Mr. Joseph Vickers, of the livery stables in Watt-street, was driving a party of ladies to Lake Macquarie, and when about seven miles from Newcastle, a man in a state of nudity except that he had a piece of shirt round his waist, ran from the bush into the road, and snatched at the horses' heads. Mr. Vickers drove on, however, and, after conveying his passengers to their destination, he immediately returned, and somewhat closer to Newcastle than on the previous occasion again met the singular being who had attempted to stop the horses earlier in the day. The poor creature, who was then quite nude, and seemed to be almost roasted by the sun, was evidently a lunatic, and Mr. Vickers humanely endeavoured to get him into the vehicle, but without success. On being questioned the lunatic did not return any intelligible answer, but merely made a noise in imitation of a dog barking, and finally ran into the bush. Mr. Vickers at once drove into Newcastle, and reported the occurrence to Mr. Sub-inspector Thorpe, who, in order to save delay, at once despatched two policemen with Mr. Vickers in the buggy to capture the lunatic. On the way out it was ascertained that the man had been seen late in the afternoon much nearer Newcastle than where Mr. Vickers left him; but, notwithstanding that the constables did everything possible to find him, they were compelled to return to Newcastle, last evening, after an unsuccessful search. It is, however, Mr. Thorpe's intention to send out another party on horseback and on foot early this morning, when it is hoped the madman may be captured. The discreditable part of the affair is, that for two or three days past this poor demented creature has been seen at large, wandering almost naked about the bush, by several persons, not one of whom has thought it worth while to inform the police. What the sufferings of any one thus exposed—probably without food or water—to the terrible heat of yesterday and the previous days must have been it is difficult to imagine. The man is described as tall and largely framed, over forty years of age, with close-cropped brown hair and brown beard.

FIRE AT NEUREA.—The correspondent of the Wellington *Gazette* states that on Saturday, 19th instant, the stables occupied by Cobb and Co. were totally destroyed by fire. At the inquiry held on Tuesday as to the cause of the fire, the facts stated showed that the fire was purely accidental. The man in charge, it appears, as usual, took every precaution before going to bed on the night in question, and no stranger had access to the stable during the day. The only thing unusual was the bringing of a load of straw into the stable the day previous. The loss is estimated at £40; but the horses, corn, chaff, and all portable property were removed by Cowly, assisted by the neighbours, and thus saved from burning

NOMINATION FOR THE MURRUMBIDGEE ELECTORATE.

(From the Wagga Express.)

THE nomination of candidates for the forthcoming election was held at the Court-house on Tuesday at noon, the Returning-officer (Mr. F. A. Tompson) presiding.

Mr. J. Smith, of Kyamba, proposed Mr. T. H. Mate, seconded by Mr. Forsyth.

Mr. J. Devlin proposed Mr. Joseph Leary, solicitor of Sydney, seconded by Mr. J. Cox.

Mr. S. Hawkins proposed Mr. William Forster, seconded by Mr. B. Bennett.

Mr. O. Rogers proposed Mr. C. D. Bardwell, seconded by Mr. Abbott.

The serious part of the nominations being thus concluded, a facetious elector proposed Mr. William Turner, better known as "Brummy, the Barber," as a fit and proper person to represent the electorate; and he was followed by another, of equally facetious turn, who proposed the Hon. Benjamin Disraeli. Neither of the candidates was seconded.

Mr. Mate then said: Some little time ago I received an intimation from a few friends asking me to place myself in nomination. I replied at that time that I had no wish to re-enter Parliament, and further expressed the hope that a local man would come forward. If, however, none such were forthcoming, I agreed to stand. Shortly after I left home for Albury, when I was met by a deputation, asking me to represent the Hume, to the members of which I replied that I did not wish to contest the election with anyone. I afterwards received a requisition from Wagga Wagga, asking me to represent the Murrumbidgee, and in answer to this, you are aware what I have already said, together with the purport of the short address which I at the same time issued. Subsequently I received a requisition from the Hume, signed by upwards of 300 persons—they may or may not have been all electors—and in reply to this, I declined, as I had consented to come here. I thought that it would be most ungracious upon my part to abandon this constituency because the Hume had sent a more numerously-signed requisition. Besides, I have but little faith in large numbers in such cases, and as an instance I may mention that I recollect a candidate coming to me upon one occasion with a very long requisition, and asking my opinion. I told him not to place any trust in them: that many of them would not vote for him. When the election came off he did not poll the votes of two-thirds of his committee. I myself, after nine or ten years of political life, had fully made up my mind not to re-enter it, but when appealed to I thought that I should be wanting in duty if I failed to come forward. But even now, gentlemen, instead of coming before you with a long speech, I have intimated to my friends that I am quite willing to retire—indeed I wish to retire. Had it not been for the determination of the two gentlemen who have respectively proposed and seconded me, I should not be here to-day, and am, let me assure you, quite willing to abandon the contest. Nevertheless, I am here to perform that which I deem my duty. You all know my long connection with the district, and also probably know what I have previously done in the House. [A voice: And dodged about the Lands' Department.] It is merely my intention to make a short address. As a local man I have made myself acquainted with the requirements of the district. My friend, Mr. Devlin, referred to the general inutility of "a local man," but let me assure you, a local man can do much that others would not trouble themselves about. Sydney men, representing country constituencies, do not, as a rule, trouble themselves much about attending to their duties. They will come down to the House, find there was a quorum, and then leave them to work, as much as to say, "Now, I've set you to work, go on with it." Besides, a local man is always to be seen and spoken to by his constituents, many of whom do not care about representing wants to one who may be a comparative stranger to them. I venture to say that while I was in Parliament, I had three times the number of applications from this electorate that Mr. Macleay had. Of course, in each case of the kind I handed them over to Mr. Macleay, he being the proper person to receive them. Electors will write more frequently to a local man. The local man goes round the electorate, and sees for himself what is wanted, and then goes down to Sydney primed to get those wants attended to. I must differ from the proposer of one of the candidates, who stated that the member on the Opposition side might do as much good as another who was on the Ministerial side. The latter was much more likely to get what he wanted. I recollect that a member of the Opposition once made an application to the Government, and was met by the reply, "We honour those who honour us." [A voice: And kept the commandment.] With reference to the education question, I must certainly express the hope that whoever represents the Murrumbidgee would not aid in forcing upon us that education known as "secular, compulsory, and free." I think that the public generally are not prepared for this, and I can certainly say that the country districts are not ripe for it. It would be positive cruelty to send children eight or ten miles to school, as would have to be done. It is bordering on tyranny, and I could not support those who proposed to act in so arbitrary a manner. As to making education free, I can only regard it as a folly. £40,000 or £50,000, to which amount the revenue was assisted, would be thrown away, and I am satisfied that if the country were fairly polled upon the question, it would be against it. With reference to education being secular, my own experience is that parents would not care to send their children to a school where the name of God was prohibited. It may be a question whether we are degenerating or progressing, but I hope we have not come to this yet, and shall not come to it. Our children, I maintain, should be sent where they will be taught the existence of a God and a Saviour. (Applause.) Well, gentlemen, I have told you my views upon that, let me now refer to the land question. When the Land Act at present in force was passed, most people were fully agreed that it could not be many years before it was amended, and you may be sure that it will not be long before it is amended. Additional selections should be permitted, and the administration of the Act should be such that no two Ministers can differ upon it. At present the Act is administered according to the Minister's interpretation. I hope shortly to be able to hold meetings at which I can more fully express my views. I have always advocated railways. When Sir James Martin proposed that a railway should be constructed to the river near Narandera I was in favour of its tapping the Murrumbidgee at Wagga. I thought then, and still think, that the line might go to Gundagai. When I came along the swamp in Newtown yesterday, it struck me that it would be a good thing to have the terminus beside it, and I have since been informed that this is waste ground. If anyone goes to Melbourne, and sees the place where a railway terminus now exists which was once a swamp, he will know how far it has been beneficial in reclaiming the land. I shall be a strenuous supporter of having the terminus at the place I have indicated in Newtown. And now, with respect to Municipal endowments. Before long all municipalities will be in want of funds, and I think that an appeal might be made to the Government to amend the present Act. In all cases where permanent improvements have been made, and are being carried on, the endowment should be increased. I have to refer to another matter. It may be thought that Mr. Bardwell coming here implied some collusion between us, but until I was on my way here yesterday, I had not the slightest idea that Mr. Bardwell was going to stand. I am here on my own merits; I have solicited no man's vote, nor do I intend to do so. And now, after this short address, I hope my proposer and seconder will permit me to retire. If not, and although I may not be returned, I hope that you may be well represented. In conclusion, I have to express the hope that the Electoral Act will be shortly amended, in order to give greater representation to several districts—which will undoubtedly benefit us. When in Parliament I joined with Mr. Forster in advocating such amendments. I have no doubt that Mr. Bardwell, if elected, will do his best for the constituency, and Mr. Leary will doubtless also do his best. With respect to Mr. Forster, I am one of the few who could agree with him, but that was for a very short time. I may be permitted to express the regret that a gentleman of such high abilities as Mr. Forster should develop such impracticability as to render it almost impossible for any one to work with him. Mr. Mate then intimated that he would be happy to answer any questions that might be put to him.

Mr. C. D. Bardwell then addressed the electors as follows:—Mr. Returning-officer and electors,—I stand before you an untried man and consequently under certain disadvantages. Three candidates have been proposed, and they are all tried men. What I say to you is, "Choose the one who will serve you best." If you return me, I will do my best not only for this district but for the colony at large. (Hear, hear.) You may yourself know that if I advocate any measure disadvantageous to the district, it is also disadvantageous to myself. I may not, if returned, it is true be able to undertake my Parliamentary duties at once as well as any of the three gentlemen proposed, but you may be assured that I would do my best. There are many things upon which you may wish to hear me speak. I may first state that my reason for coming here to oppose my neighbour and relative, Mr. Mate, was this. Several electors came to me and said that Mr. Mate was not the man to represent the electorate properly, and asked me to consent to be nominated, which I did. I have resided as long in the district as Mr. Mate. For the past few years I have assisted in every local movement, and have never been backward either with my voice or my purse. (Hear, hear.) I am a squatter; and during the time I have been one I have endeavoured to follow the pursuit with profit. But because I am a squatter I should be sorry to deny another's right to do the best he could for himself, and in this I would assist him if I could. A due sense of justice compels me to weigh many things which enter into the consideration of the question. With reference to education, I would like to see the children of all Denominations brought up to love one another, irrespective of creed rather than to hate each other because their religion differed. I could not support anything that in their after life would cause unpleasantness. I would prefer the Public Schools Act in its unmodified form—for you are all aware that it is very different in its present form to what it was when it was first brought before Parliament—and I think that Mr. Parkes would have acted with much more consistency if he had advocated the bill as it then was. I wish that the Act should be carried out in its integrity, for I need not tell you that those who are opposing it now are those who supported it at first. With reference to the "League," it is not true that that body advocates godless education. I am of opinion that the heads of the people should agree to some religious training which will not interfere with any creed. I hold that it is more important to teach children about God than their A.B.C. [A voice: "And let them be atheists at the same time."] No, no; not atheists. Without the knowledge of God all that we have here would be useless. If you elect me it shall not be under false colours. I will not attempt to push down your throats that which I do not believe. The Land Act must undoubtedly be altered; and as of late several members have proposed to alter it, it is probable that it will soon occupy the attention of Parliament. I am in favour of larger areas being selected, and think that selectors should have leases of their grazing rights for, say, five years, in the same way as the squatters used to have leases of their runs. I speak as a squatter and as a selector. The free selector does not break the law; he has a perfect right to the land he takes up. If he takes up that land on my run I may not like it, but I have no right to object. If storekeepers had their way they might want half the other shops closed. Upon the question of railways, I am of opinion the public money cannot be better laid out than in forming them. The line to Wagga, now in progress, ought not to stop here, but should be continued to Albury. The public convenience has to be consulted, and it would be advanced by carrying the line to the border. I consider it but a pettifogging policy to restrict trade between the colonies by the imposition of duties. (Applause.) It would be more conducive to the interests of the colonies to give up duties than to impose them. I believe that, in order to allow the colony to progress, increased population is absolutely necessary. Of what use is your growing grain unless there are people to consume it? Of what utility are your railways unless there be population to use them? A large accession to the population would tend to the advancement of the colony. The funds of the country could not be employed to better advantage than in bringing population here. An increase of population would lead to prosperity. [An elector: Why don't you get married, Mr. Bardwell?] (Laughter.) I think I am more to be pitied than blamed for that. (Renewed laughter.) With reference to the Electoral Bill, I am of opinion that this district should be represented by two members instead of one, in order to give it greater weight in Parliament. Other electorates, of course, would obtain the same privilege. The colony was never in a more prosperous state than at the present time; but I do not think that this is due to the present Ministry's exertions. There were many circumstances which combined to bring it about. Mr. Bardwell then intimated that he would be happy to reply to any questions that might be put to him.

A show of hands was called for, and declared to be as follows:—Mr. Leary, 25; Mr. Bardwell, 23; Mr. Mate, 18; and Mr. Forster, 7. A poll was then demanded on behalf of Mr. Bardwell.

THE ELECTION FOR KIAMA.

(From the Kiama Independent.)

THE Returning-officer, Mr. D. L. Waugh, announced the result of the contest between Mr. S. Charles and Mr. J. Stewart on Friday last, at about 7 o'clock, before an assembly of about a hundred electors. It was as follows:—

	Charles.	Stewart.
Kiama	136	88
Jamberoo	83	81
Shellharbour	72	28
Gerringong	58	59
Broughton Village	4	16
Albion Park	34	44
Broger's Creek	18	41
	405	357

Majority of 48 for Charles. The announcement was received with great cheering and skying of hats.

Mr. Charles then came forward to return thanks, and was received with cheers by his supporters. He said he heartily thanked them for the result of the election, which was hardly to be expected under the disadvantage at which he had contested it. It had been said by his opponents that he took an advantage of them by coming out at the last moment; but he thought this was rather against his chances, and he had not in consequence been able to hold meetings in all parts of the district to explain his views to the people. He would take the liberty of denying that he had been brought out, as had been said, by any ecclesiastical party. No ecclesiastics had had any influence whatever in inducing him to oppose Mr. Stewart, whose address alone, which he had seen for the first time in a copy of the *Independent*, handed to him while at breakfast on the morning of its publication, was responsible for his opposition. It was a victory obtained in three days. He regarded the defeat of Mr. Stewart as a triumph over that powerful organization the League; and he was pleased to think that he had been instrumental in bringing about that triumph; and that, in addition, he had succeeded in splitting up an old and well-known organization in this district. He would go into Parliament as a free and independent member, untrammelled by any party; would represent the interests of the district to the very best of his ability, without favour to any particular section more than another, and would give his support or opposition to measures without regard to the men by whom they were proposed. In the heat of political contest he had doubtless said some hard things, which perhaps in calmer moments he had reason to regret; but he hoped, as the battle was now over, that his opponents would be prepared, as he was himself, to forgive and forget whatever sins had been committed of this nature. Mr. Marks, when nominating Mr. Stewart, had referred to the public services of Mr. Pike, and had suggested that the pedestal in Hyde Park, erected to bear a monument to the renowned Captain Cook, should be applied for by the people of Kiama, and that Mr. Pike should be set upon it. Now, instead of carrying out that suggestion, he (Mr. Charles) had one to offer. On the obelisk at the junction of the two main streets of Kiama there were three blank sides, the other already bearing an inscription; and he would suggest that on one of them should be placed a monument, in bas relief, representing Mr. Marks bearing Mr. Stewart on his shoulders and tipping him down the Blow-hole (laughter); and on the opposite side might be placed a representation of the great and good John Wesley mourning over his degenerate sons (continued laughter). He again thanked them.

Mr. Stewart, on coming forward, was received with due courtesy by the assembly in general, though by some from whom, perhaps, better things could hardly be expected, he was treated to a little vulgarity. He said that Kiama had spoken out decisively that day; and he interpreted the verdict to mean that she did not want educational reform. This interpretation was met with cries of "No, no," from many supporters of both candidates.) Well, he might be mistaken, but that was the only construction he could put upon his defeat; for he could not regard the reason put forth by his opponent as a valid one. However, he was now told by the electors that he was not wanted to represent Kiama. He was known as a radical politician; and he always thought Kiama was a radical constituency; but it appeared that this element in his political character was too extreme for Kiama. He had been requested to stand for other country constituencies, but he felt it to be his duty to decline, because he had been led to believe that no opposition would be offered to him here, and he had himself no reason to go elsewhere. Until the electors told him that he was not wanted, he was bound to come to Kiama, if he wished still to be a representative of the people. But he supposed that if he was too radical for Kiama, he must be too radical for any other constituency in the country; and for the future he must be content to retire into private life. They all knew that he took great interest in public education; and it was only because he thought he could be of some service in Parliament on that question, when the struggle for educational reform came before it, that he had been willing again to be sent there; but, although he could not now do so in Parliament, he was determined to do his utmost, if not with his tongue, at least with his pen, to promote the cause of educational reform while out of it; and he felt sure that the reform must come soon or late. He would not now detain them further than to say that he felt very grateful to the electors as a whole for their past treatment of him. They had always been kind and courteous towards him; and he had no reason to complain of the conduct of the electors towards him even in the present election. He commended them for their orderly conduct, and congratulated the electorate upon the harmony and good feeling which had always characterized its proceedings. He had now to bid them farewell.

Cheers were then given for the Queen and the Returning-officer, when the proceedings terminated.

THE QUEANBEYAN ELECTION.

THE polling for the above election resulted in the return of Mr. J. J. Wright, and as a new member we copy the report of his speech at the nomination as given by the *Age*:—

Mr. Wright proceeded to expound his views on the land question. When speaking of the grasping monopoly of the great landowners, and their determination to prevent the industrious middle or lower classes from acquiring land, he mentioned the names of Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Rutledge as the persons who were the chief obstructionists. [Mr. Rutledge: "Don't be personal."] These men had more land than they knew what to do with, and yet if a poor man dared to take up a bit they grasped it out of his hands. (Applause.) If he went into the House, he would do what he could to have this iniquitous system altered. Having referred to the improvement clauses and the amendments necessary therein, he went on to speak of the pre-emptive right system. The small selector was constantly persecuted by his richer neighbour. There was an instance of this occurred lately within three or four miles of the town. A squatter's servant seizes the herd of a small settler and industrious man—and does it, too, on the Sabbath, on the principle, "better the day better the deed" and puts them in pound, with damages and charges amounting to £6. [Cries of "Name, name."] Mr. Rutledge's servant was the person referred to. [Mr. Rutledge: You're a liar.] [Mr. Osborne: It's an exceptional case.] No, it was quite true, and no exceptional case. Here was another instance: Mr. Cunningham, with no earthly use for the land, goes to a poor man's door and selects 200 acres, and without making a particle of improvement, puts a flock of sheep there, with no other object than to worry the poor man. ["Shame, shame," and great uproar.] It was time these abuses were remedied, and that defined by law which was now left to the caprice of the Minister or his subordinate. He had no doubt that the abuse known as dummyism existed both on the part of the poor man and the rich; but the former was justified inasmuch as that he did it in his own protection. It was a different case with the large landed proprietor, whose serfs hold all the choice parts of the country with a view to keep the poor honest farmer out of possession of them. It would be to the advantage of the poor man if this evil were cured by legislation. (Applause.) And the sooner it was done the better, or there would not be a choice place left in the country. [Cheers, and a voice: "What about the two mills? Who shut up the mill?"] He had been charged with trimming; but he was fearless and honest, and defied proof of these slanders, or that he had pandered to any man. [Cheers and groans. Mr. Byrne: "You have to Parkes."] He had been told that he was a joint in Mr. Parkes's tail; [to Mr. Byrne—It's useless sir, and you know it] he was not the tail or appendage of any man or any party, but would go into the House a thoroughly independent man if he went in at all. The reason why he was in favour of municipalities was because at present there was very great difficulty in getting the wants of a district properly supplied. It all depended upon the attentiveness or otherwise of the member representing them, or his influence at head-quarters; and he thought the general adoption of the municipal system would furnish a wholesome check on the lavish expenditure of public moneys on the metropolis. (Applause.) Again, he supported his views on payment of members chiefly from the fact that as long as moneyed men represented them—as squatters and Sydney candidates—they were represented by a class. [A voice: "You are a squatter yourself."] If I am I am a more generous specimen than the rest of them. (Loud cheers.) In the lower and middle ranks there were men of great ability and integrity who could represent them well, if the means were forthcoming to support them in Parliament. [Mr. Byrne: "Mr. Parkes would buy them all up."] As it was at present the squatters made laws for their own benefit, and with a view to make the people their serfs. (Applause.) After elucidating his opinions on education and immigration Mr. Wright continued: He had now exhausted his manifesto. In conclusion, he had been accused of many things without foundation. No earthly motive but to serve the constituency honestly, and to the best of his ability, prompted him to the course he was pursuing. (Loud and long cheers.) For twenty-five years he had taken an active part in politics, and always led the van of the liberal candidate, and moreover was always victorious. [Applause, and a voice: "You won't be this time," and another voice: "He will."] He had made enemies by the course he pursued of several influential persons. But that consequence never entered into his considerations. He had successfully opposed Mr. Forster at the election on the question of Mr. Robertson's Land Act. [Mr. Forster: "It is not true."] To show that he was no partisan, even though at loggerheads with Mr. Forster on the land question, he previously advocated his return when he was a liberal candidate. (Hear, hear.) And he would always be guided by the same principles, and thus he refuted the vile and slanderous reports of his enemies. The consciousness of his integrity was a comfort to him. He never had, and never would, trim to rich or poor, and if he did not go into the House on the broadest principles, he would not go in at all. (Loud cheers and counter cheers.) If he did not gain their votes by fair means he would not resort to dishonourable ones. His interests were theirs, and theirs were his, and must be till his earthly career should close. His own and his children's dearest ties were bound up in this district, where they were born. If he went into the House, it would be to his pecuniary loss, but that he was prepared to submit to provided the interests of the district were advanced and secured. (Applause.)

MERCANTILE AND MONEY ARTICLE.

FRIDAY EVENING.

THE Windsor Castle, from London, with a cargo of general merchandise, arrived to-day.

Exchange on London by the outgoing mail remains at ½ per cent. premium for 60 days' sight.

The Western escort brought down the following quantities of gold:—Sofala, 297 oz. 9 dwts. 8 grs.; Bathurst, 415 oz. 0 dwts. 5 grs.; Carcoar, 320 oz. 18 dwts. 19 grs.; Hargraves, 168 oz. 1 dwt.; Hill End, 1800 oz. 16 dwts. 19 grs.; Mudgee, 95 oz. 11 dwts. 8 grs.; Gulgong, 3342 oz. 4 dwts. 10 grs.; Forbes, 36 oz. 2 dwts.; Grenfell, 307 oz. 15 dwts. 3 grs.; Parkes, 5744 oz. 18 dwts.: total, 12,528 oz. 17 dwts.

The Mint receipts and issues during the past week were:—Gold received for coinage, 27,347 oz.; coin issued, 112,000 sovereigns.

The Stock and Share market was in a quiescent state in the early part of the week; and at the meeting of the Brokers' Board, on Wednesday, it was resolved to adjourn until Monday next. From the sales that have taken place we cannot report any improvement in prices. Sales of bank stock light. City sold at 10⅝—a decline of 2s. 6d. National of Queensland brought 5¾; Commercial, fully paid, have been offering at 88, without meeting buyers. The only description of Steam for which there is an improved market are Clarence and Richmond—non-preferential inquired for at 3¾; sellers of Illawarra have advanced their price to 5¾. Insurance shares are very flat, owing to reported losses by the Jason. A large fire at Windsor, on Wednesday, has also had a prejudicial tendency on the value of fire insurance companies. Stock New Zealand 5 per cent. debentures are being pushed off here at par, while New South Wales are firm at 9 to 9½ per cent. premium; Queensland *fours* have been placed at 91. In Mining shares there was hardly any business done. The course of sales has been—Banks: City, 10⅝; National of Queensland, 5¾. Debentures: New Zealand 5 per cent., 100; Queensland 4 per cent., 91. Insurance: Sydney Marine, 10s. 6d. Mining: Wallsend coal, 18¾; Peak Downs Copper, 9s.; Star of Peace Gold, 6s 6d.

The following table exhibits the state of the market at close:—

COMPANIES.	Capital (nominal).	Capital paid up.	Share paid up.	Prices.
BANKS.	£	£		
Australasia	1,[illegible]	1,[illegible]	£40	
Commercial	[illegible]	[illegible]	25	87, 89
City	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	10⅝, [illegible]
Joint Stock	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	14
New South Wales	1,[illegible]	1,[illegible]	20	51
New Zealand	[illegible]	[illegible]	10	18½, 18¾
Union	1,[illegible]	1,250,000	25	55¾
Mercantile	150,000		22 10s	6¼ 5½
Oriental	1,500,000		25	
Queensland National	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	5¼, 5¾
DEBENTURES.	Issue.	Due.	Int'st.	
N. S. W., terminables	4,[illegible]	'74 to 1902	5	108¼, 108½
Ditto, interminables	[illegible]	inter.	5	106, 106½
Ditto, inscribed stock	...	...	4	88
Queensland Government	5,[illegible]	1881 to 91	5	110
Ditto	[illegible]		4	91, 90
Ditto Treasury bills	[illegible]	71 to 74	6	100½
A. S. N. Co.	100,000	1874 & 5	5	100, 102
City of Sydney	162,100	1871 to 7	6	103½, 104½
Pyrmont Bridge	[illegible]	1874	6	102
Clarence Steam	10,000	1874	6	101
Colonial Sugar Co.	[illegible]	1874 to 77	6	
INSURANCE.				
General Marine	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	37/ 40/
New South Wales Marine	150,000	15,000	2	30s, 32s
Pacific Fire and Marine	1,000,000	51,7[illegible]	2	17/6, 21s
Sydney Fire	250,000	[illegible]	5	[illegible]
Sydney Marine	100,000	10,000	15	10/9
United	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	15/
STEAM.				
Australasian	[illegible]	[illegible]	20	23½, 23¾
Clarence and Richmond	50,000	37,[illegible]	10	3¾, 4¼
Ditto, Preferential	[illegible]	[illegible]	10	11
Hunter River	[illegible]	[illegible]	10	10, 10¼
Illawarra	57,000	57,[illegible]	5	5¼, 5¾
Clarence and N. E.	13,871	13,871	4	5
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Gaslight	150,000	150,000	25	15½
Pyrmont Bridge	40,000	34,[illegible]	25	
Sydney Exchange	80,000	35,473	10	
Omnibus Co.	[illegible]	37,000	[illegible]	
MINING.				
Anvil Creek	40,000	[illegible]	15	13/6, 17/6
Bulli Coal	[illegible]	[illegible]	£10	15¼
Ditto, pref. (12½ per cent.)	[illegible]	[illegible]	£10	
Greta	50,000	40,000	[illegible]	11¼
N. S. W. Shale and Oil	...	...	[illegible]	9/, 15 6
Wallsend Coal	100,000	100,000	£10	18 18¾
Waratah Coal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	18¼ 18
New Wallsend	...	...	...	3¾
Bootheroonda Copper	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Cobar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	18/ 20s
Cowflat	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Drummond	100,000	11,[illegible]	7/6	
Mount Perry	[illegible]	[illegible]	£1	9s 9s 6d
Mount Oscar	[illegible]	[illegible]	£1	8/
Peak Downs	100,000	100,000	£1	8s 6d, 9s
Phœnix	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	
Western Peak Downs	75,000	...	...	
Weiss	[illegible]	...	5s	
Peelwood	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Southern Cobar	[illegible]	...	15	14/ 18/
Beyers and Holtermann's	75,000	[illegible]	£1	2 6, 3/6
Carroll, Beard, and Co.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3/6, 4s
Dayspring	[illegible]	[illegible]	£1	1s 3d 1/6
Hixson, Creighton, & Beard	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1/6, 1/6
Krohmann's	[illegible]	[illegible]	£1	6/9, 8/
Paxton's	100,000	100,000	£1	2/3, 3/
Star of Peace	[illegible]	[illegible]	£1	6/6, 8/[illegible]
Rampant Lion	27,000	27,000	£1	
Happ's	135,000	135,000	£1	6d, 1s.
Williams	75,000	75,000	[illegible]	3/, 4/
Fischer-Beard	60,000	60,000	[illegible]	3/6 4/
Band & Albion Consols (Bal.)	...	...	...	
Hustler's Gt. Extended Tribute No. 1 (Sandhurst)	...	...	...	12/, 15/
Lion Reef	60,000	60,000	£1	1/9, 2/6

Messrs. Richardson and Wrench report having sold during the week the following properties:—

4700 acres land, on Fish River, near Tarana railway station, £3040—Mr. W. Webb, purchaser; block of land, 5 acres 1 rood 9 perches, Waverley-street, Bondi, £400—Mr. Fletcher, purchaser; corner allotment, Liverpool and Crown streets, 28 feet, at £[illegible].3 per foot—Mr. G. M'Donald, purchaser; cottage and land, Hill View, Penrith, £250—Mr. Hoskins, purchaser; the right to depasture cattle in the Cr[illegible] Domain for the year 1875, £190—to Mr. R. B[illegible]ll; small cottage and land, Wilson-street, Newtown, £100—Mr

Nicholson, purchaser; lot 3, section L, Albion estate, 16 feet frontage to Belmore-street, at £6 per foot—to Mr. Robinson. And the following allotments, Little Gloucester-street, Billyard's subdivison:—Lots 17 to 19, 45 feet, at £5 per foot; lot 20, 13 feet, at £4 per foot—to Mr. Manning; lot 26, 15 feet, at £6 per foot—to Mr. Cannon.

Messrs. R. F. Stubbs and Co. report having sold the following properties:—

House, Bourke-lane, off South Head Road, Paddington, for £200; Diamond Cottage, Botany Road, Redfern, for £206; Lansdown Homestead, between Parramatta and Liverpool, for £850; residence, Balmain, for £1560; also, several allotments at Ashfield, from 12s. 6d. to £1 per foot; and Burwood allotments, from £1 to £1 5s. per foot.

THE EXPORT MARKETS.—The dulness incidental to the close of the year in every department of trade and commerce prevents our adding anything of importance to the information published in our summary for the San Francisco mail, which left here on Wednesday last. The woolmarket has taken a turn down in consequence of telegrams reporting a fall at the last London sales. This staple is now arriving in large quantities. Exaggerated rumours have obtained currency as to the probable increase in the last clip as compared with that of 1873, but from what we can learn from reliable sources the increase on what usually finds its way home from this port will not exceed 8 to 10 per cent. Greasy wools have not sold as well here as in Victoria, where American buyers have confined their purchases up to this date. We do not anticipate that they will buy much here, though it is certain that the New Zealand clips will receive a full share of their patronage. Hides are selling at easier prices, as tanning operations are hindered by the scarcity of bark. This has enabled shippers to operate more freely for export to England, over 6000 bales being cleared for the London market during the month. Well-cured light are worth 5d. to 5¼d.; medium to heavy, 4½d. to 5¼d.; first heavy and extra weights, 4½d. to 5d.; horse, 4s. to 7s. 6d. Mutton tallow is rather scarce, and worth £35 to £37; beef in good supply, except large shipping parcels, which have not been offering, and are much wanted at late rates. Good boiling worth £31 to £33; inferior, £26 upwards. Tin has a declining tendency—slab quiet, at £84 10s. to £85, with a considerable decrease in production. We have not heard of any recent transactions in South Sea Island produce. The principal sales of wool since the 3rd instant have been as follows:—

Bar through circle, 19 bales greasy wool at 11d., 8 lambs at 11½d., 2 pieces at 7½d.; RMR, 10 greasy at 8½d.; WB over Bagewan, 52 at 9½d.; W×TM, 20 at 9½d.; P in diamond, 11 at 10d.; H—C, 42 fleece at 19½d.; AG, 16 greasy at 12d.; C in circle, 45 greasy at 9½d., 17 pieces at 6½d., 2 bellies at 6½d., 4 lambs at 9½d.; JM, 17 fleece at 18½d., 1 pieces at 13½d., 1 clips at 9d.; G and WD in diamond, 71 greasy at 11½d., 8 bellies at 7½d.; AL, 18 fleece at 19d., 1 clips at 10½d.; AR in triangle, 38 greasy at 11½d.; WG over Y, 8 fleece at 19½d.; C Marina, 53 at 19½d.; Borce over ⌒ over B, 34 at 19½d.; BR over M, 5 greasy at 7½d.; CS, 5 pieces at 6d., 1 locks at 4½d.; CO over L, 7 greasy at 9d.; Willeroo, 58 fleece at 18½d., 2 pieces at 10d.; TW, 35 fleece at 20d.; EH over H, 13 greasy at 10½d., 2 pieces at 8½d.; diamond over CK, 5 pieces at 13d., 1 pieces at 22½d.; J Brown, 9 fleece at 19d., 1 bellies and locks at 10½d.; WWW, 8 greasy at 10½d.; MD, 4 scoured at 23½d., 1 at 20d.; WB, 20 fleece at 17½d.; Guerie, 100 bales greasy at 11½d., 4 at 10½d.; ditto, 11 pieces at 7½d.; ditto, 9 lambs at 12d.; AJB, greasy at 10½d.; F, in circle, 52 greasy at 10½d.; JIB, 17 at 10½d.; JL conjoined, 4 at 8d.; WS over D, 12 at 11d.; SB, 6 faulty at 6½d.; fleece, BJ, 18 at 18½d.; HC, 10 at 17½d.; LL conjoined, 17 bales bellies and pieces at 8½d.; EHL conjoined, 6 scoured at 16½d., 1 at 11½d.; J, 9 bales fleece, at 17½d.; AA, 7 at 18d.; Bogabilla, 22 at 18d.; HM&Co., 6 greasy at 8d.; JBS, 19 fleece at 19d., 1 pieces at 10d.; W. Jones, 8 scoured at 20d.; Warroo over PB, 20 fleece at 20½d., 2 pieces at 13d.; GR, 57 greasy at 9½d.; WL, 10 at 10d., 1 pieces at 6½d.; P over JW, 13 greasy at 11d.; RD over O, 10 at 9d.; WJG, 14 at 9½d., 1 pieces at 4d.; E in diamond, 6 bellies at 6½d., 3 locks at 3½d.; TM over R, 13 greasy at 9½d.; PKCT, 98 greasy at 11½d., 7 pieces at 6½d., 4 locks at 4d.; M in diamond, 60 greasy at 10½d., 4 locks at 5½d., 3 bellies at 7d.; HR conjoined, 10 bales of greasy at 9½d.; TM, 5 fleece at 18½d.; WD, 21 scoured at 19d.; H. Coomer over Y, 23 fleece at 18d.; ditto, 5 pieces at 10d., 11 greasy at 8d.; WSH, 32 fleece at 19½d.; GM, 19 ditto at 18½d.; pM conjoined, 18 ditto at 22½d.; Currawong, 47 fleece at 20d.; BJ, 8 ditto at 17d.; C×T Ashe over Bogie, 44 fleece at 19d.; C in diamond, 9 scoured at 24d.; Nubba, 125 fleece at 22d.; 24 pieces at 16½d., 6 locks at 12d.; HP conjoined, 15 fleece at 18d.; WM, 8 scoured at 21d., TP, 14 greasy at 9d.; JC, 6 at 9½d.; Gordon over Manar, 11 at 11d.; L, 5 at 11d.; M'Lean Brothers, 22 at 10d.; TD over C, 14 at 10d.; AC, 6 at 10½d.; JD, 6 at 9d.; HH over Y, 7 at 10½d.; H in circle, 30 at 11d.; JLW, 10 at 10½d.; GIB, 3 bales greasy at 8½d., 1 pieces at 5½d., 1 locks at 4d.; U&Co. over Wandoo, 8 greasy at 8½d., 1 locks at 4d.; XE over Endingalesia, 10 greasy at 9½d., 1 locks, &c., at 5½d., 1 greasy at 10d.; CD, 12 fleece at 18½d., 1 locks at 9½d., 2 greasy at 10d.; JB over Cotombar, 124 bales fleece at 21d.; ditto, 29 pieces at 14½d.; ABC, 4 at 15½d.; Nebea, 7 washed pieces at 13½d.; ditto, 5 greasy at 8½d.; KH over Surbiton, 1 at 12½d., 3 at 11d., 2 at 10½d.; PB over M, 10 at 7d.; Garawald over bell, 9 greasy at 9½d.; RG in diamond, 14 at 10½d.; JIE, 19 at 10d.; Nebea, 5 pieces at 8½d.; DX over Greenbar, 29 at 10½d.; Caldmurry, 5 at 10½d.; TKKG, 3 at 10d.; MJR, 8 bales greasy at 8½d.; K in square, 28 greasy at 10½d., 3 skirts at 7½d., 1 clips at 6d.; P in diamond, 18 greasy at 11d.; SJ over B, 88 fleece at 19½d.; SJ over Westbrook, 43 at 11d., 3 locks and pieces at 6d., 4 pieces at 7½d.; JW, 24 greasy at 10½d.; SJ over B, 9 fleece at 18½d.; ⌣ over D, 22 scoured at 25½d., 2 at 17½d., 1 at 19d., 4 at 15½d., 1 at 11d.; SJ over B, 12 pieces at 12½d., 2 lambs and pieces at 9½d., 2 pieces at 7½d., 3 mixed at 7½d. to 9½d.; Rock, 91 greasy at 10½d., 9 bellies and pieces at 6½d.; MS, 16 fleece at 17½d.; SW over S White, 44 fleece at 21d., 12 skirts at 17½d.; TEDOLS&Co., 111 bellies at 7d., 19 greasy at 10d., 3 black at 11d.; MMM, over Darling Downs, 30 greasy at 10½d.; J3J, 5 fleece at 18d.; 1 pieces at 10d.; EC, 15 greasy at 10d.; JL over If, 8 at 10d.; W. 5 fleece at 14½d.; gB, 50 bales grease at 9d.; P in diamond over y c, 15 ditto at 9½d.; JP over Digilah, 11 ditto at 8½d., 3 pieces at 4½d.; TWS, 69 grease at 8½d., 9 pieces at 6½d., 3 locks at 4d.; ⌒ over MS, 9 grease at 6d.; MON, 15 fleece at 17½d.; ⌒ over MS, 6 ditto at 17½d.; JB, 5 ditto at 17½d.; JW over Tin Pot, 15 ditto at 17½d., 3 pieces at 10d.; JW2 over Tin Pot, 15 fleece at 17½d.; CN, 31 ditto at 19d.; DMA, 9 ditto at 17½d.; R.SS, 10 ditto at 18d.; TD over Molonglo, 23 ditto at 17½d.; KP over Currajong, 8 ditto at 16½d.; ⌣ over EL, 14 ditto at 18½d.; SW over S White, 8 grease at 11½d.; LH, 17 fleece at 18½d.; C×C over AS over F, 17 grease at 9½d.; BT over 4, 17 ditto at 11d.; PB over Gunning, 32 fleece at 17½d.; LJ, 7 grease at 8½d.; DC over B, 5 grease at 6d.; S×R in oblong, 7 fleece at 16½d.; IM over Mudgee, 17 fleece at 16d.; RL in circle, 6 fleece at 16d.; CUH, 16 grease at 9½d.; RC, 10 grease at 9d.; H over ≡, 7 fleece at 18½d.; OBH, 16 bales fleece at 9½d., 150 grease at 9d.; AL, 5 grease at 9½d.; IM over Mudgee, 5 grease at 8½d.; WES, 5 fleece at 17d.; J&R over N, 7 bales of greasy at 9½d.; JMY, 14 fleece at 17½d.; ASB over Browne, 14 at 17½d.; W. C. Browne, 6 at 17½d.; F, 21 at 17½d.; WD, 15 scoured at 18½d.; Narraway, 27 greasy at 10½d.; N.S.W. over anchor, 13 at 7½d.; DG×Co., 5 at 8½d.; GF in diamond, 5 bales scoured at 19½d.; H, 5 hand washed at 10½d.; CUM, 5 greasy at 10d.; JFS, 5 at 9½d.; H, 3 at 10d.; S in diamond, 4 at 6½d.; PP, at 9½d.; H&Co., 12 bales inferior greasy at 5½d., locks at 2½d. to 4d.; AP, 13 fleece at 17d.; ASSN, 327 greasy at 11½d.; IL over IP over B, 15 bales greasy wool at 10½d.; JM, 10 at 9½d.; Willeroo, 139 at 9½d.; BES, 33 at 12½d.; DRK, 7 at 8½d.; JMD conjoined over Uriarra, 23 at 9d.; RFS in oblong, 11 at 8d.; WM over Cargo, 13 at 11½d.; JB conjoined, 5 at 8½d.; TB, 6 at 9d.; A over WH, 14 at 9d.; JWG, 9 at 9½d.; L in heart over DT, 10 at 8½d.; SS over Gambools, 10 at 11d.; GTL, 8 at 9d.; JL, 5 at 10d.; WW, 5 at 10½d.; BO, 4 at 9d.; fleece, J. McEwen, 14 at 17½d.; PxP, 55 at 18½d.; Saltram over R in diamond, 30 at 19½d.; RDI, 7 at 17½d.; CL, 12 at 17½d.; H over G, 8 at 17d.; M, 42 at 19½d.; AC over ⌣, 15 at 18½d.; MCK, 16 at 18½d.; JBW conjoined, 48 at 19d., 5 (bellies) at 13d.; PC over diamond, 8 at 13d.; TM, 16 at 18½d.; TMB over F, 8 at 18d.; Daly, 19 at 17½d.; QG, 9 at 16½d.; King Bros, 13 at 16½d.; WB, 12 at 17d.; WB, 6 at 17½d.; JW over D, 7 at 16½d.; JHD conjoined over Mudgee, 15 at 19½d.; GV, 10 at 17d.; DOW, 34 at 18½d.

At public sales on Thursday, hides were dull of sale, and a quantity were bought in at vendors' reserves. Tallow unaltered. The sales were as follows:—

By Messrs. Maiden, Hill, and Co.: Hides, 3 at 5½d., 4 at 6d., 4 at 5½d., 2 at 5½d., 5 at 5½d., 12 at 5½d., 76 at 5½d., 86 at 5d., 22 at 4½d., 23 at 4½d., 36 at 4½d., 5 at 3½d., horse hides at 5s. to 8s. 4d., foals at 1s. to 1s. 9d., yearlings at 3s. 3d. to 6s. 9d., calfskins at 2s. 6d. to 4s. Hair: Horse at 18d. to 24d., mane at 12d. to 18½d., cow at 8d to 14d., stumps at 4d. to 6d. Beeswax at 12d. to 14d. Horns at 18s. to 28s. Bones at £6 to £13. Hoofs at 60s. to 80s. Kangaroo skins at 9d. to 15d., wallaby at 7d. to 8d. per lb., hare at 5s. to 7s. per dozen. Tallow: A, 6 at £30; crown in diamond, 31 at £30.

By Messrs. Mort and Co.—Hides: 7 at 5¼d., 11 at 5¾d., 263 at 5¼d., 219 at 5¼d., 237 at 5d., 184 at 4¾d., 2 at 4¾d., 11 at 4½d., 83 at 4¼d., 63 at 4¼d., 7 at 4d., 10 at 3¾d., 2 at 2¼d., calfskins at 2s. 6d. to 3s. 7d., yearlings at 4s. 7d. to 6s. 3d., horsehides, 45 at 1s. to 5s. 3d., 97 at 6s. 11d. to 7s. 6d. Hair at 18½d. to 20½d. Horns at 20s. 9d. Shankbones at 11s. 6d. Tallow: 1 cask at £36, 1 at £33, 1 at £31 5s., 1 at £31, 1 at £30, 1 at £29, 2 at £28, 1 at £27, 1 at £26.

By Mr. Bridge.—Hides at 4½d. to 6d, hair at 15d. to 21d., calfskins at 2s. 6d. to 5s. 6d., horns at 10s. to 25s., shankbones at 8s. 6d. to 11s. Tallow: H&W, 12 casks at £31; E, 19 at £30 5s., 1 at £32, 2 at £29, 2 at £27.

By Messrs. Harrison, Jones, and Devlin.—Hides: 5 at 6½d., 28 at 5½d., 54 at 5½d., 31 at 5d., 68 at 4½d., 20 at 3½d., calfskins at 3s. 3d. to 4s., horsehides at 4s. 3d. to 9s. 9d., yearlings at 5s. 6d. to 7s. 9d. Tallow: FB, 12 casks at £32; WC over T, 8 at £33; H, 25 at £30 10s.; M, 20 at £30 10s.; IM, 30 at £30 10s.; JDs, 6 at £30 10s.; RH, 8 at £30 10s., 7 at £32, 7 at £30 10s., 4 at £28, 2 at £27 15s., 3 at £26, 1 at £5.

Wool having been stowed very rapidly during the past week enabled two ships to complete loading, making a total of five cleared since the 28th ultimo. Their cargoes were:—The Border Chief: 3482 bales 1 pocket wool, 1 bale skins, 1538 ingots tin, 4103 ingots 1498 cakes copper, 15 casks beeswax, 8 casks cocoanut kernel, 172 bags copra, 122 bales leather, 14 bundles 3 bags whalebone, 307 casks tallow, 22,000 horns, 330 horn piths, 2 cases shell, 125 bags bonedust, 12 bags bones, 22,500 bones, 1021 cases meat, 2815 hides, 3 cases sundries. Ben Lomond: 3062 bales wool, 619 slabs 2099 ingots tin, 2075 hides, 3682 ingots copper, 200 casks treacle, 180 casks cocoanut oil. The Sir William Wallace: 2384 bales wool, 135 bales cotton, 100 bales leather, 289 casks tallow, 21 casks oil, 231 hogsheads molasses, 100 hogsheads rum, 929 cases meat, 2101 ingots 438 slabs tin, 4491 ingots 24 cakes copper, 7 cases beeswax, 11½ tons copra, 4 tons whalebone. Christiana Thompson: 3745 bales wool, 5 bales skins, 48 bales cotton, 19 bales leather, 4753 ingots, 444 slabs tin, 9400 ingots copper, 295 cases meat, 187 casks tallow, 1280 hides. The Sir John Lawrence: 3307 bales wool, 6100 ingots 1217 slabs tin, 1179 ingots copper, 46 casks tallow, 102 casks treacle, 240 cases preserved meat, 6 packages skins. The Knight Commander is ready to sail, and will clear to-morrow. Particulars of her cargo have not yet reached us. The Duke of Sutherland, Tyburnia, Tweed, and Bruckley Castle have large engagements. The Taunton, Damascus, Agnes Rose, Parramatta, John Duthie are loading. The Cairnbulg, Samuel Plimsoll, William Duthie, and Windsor Castle are in port to follow, making an aggregate of over 16,000 tons register now on the berth for London. The barque Europa is loading for New York, and the P. and O. steamer Ellora leaving to-morrow will also take a small shipment of wool for transhipment to the Ceylon (s.) at Melbourne. The value of the principal shipments of produce cleared at this port from 1st January to the 19th instant was:—Wool, £2,614,393; tin, £450,827; coin and gold, £1,732,782; maize, £155,387; coal, £131,928; preserved meat, £130,843; tallow, £97,753.

IMPORT MARKETS.—Business may be said to have closed for the year. No transactions worthy of note or indicating any noticeable change in quotations have been reported since publication of our mail summary on the 21st instant. There is a firmer feeling in candles, as large speculative purchases have been made in Victoria, and the bulk of stocks in the colonies may now be said to be in the hands of two firms. We shall open the new year with large stocks of almost every imported article, recent arrivals from England having been heavy. Next year will be marked by the opening of direct steam communication between this port and London. It is intended that the Whampoa (s.) will leave on her return voyage with a cargo of produce about the middle of March. This being the era of steam communication, there is no reason why it should not be applicable to the Australian trade as well as to other parts of the globe, especially as coal can be obtained so cheaply here. The foreign arrivals during the past four weeks were—the Samuel Plimsoll, Cairnbulg, William Duthie, Khandeish, Windsor Castle, from London, and Nehemiah Gibson, from New York, with general merchandise; Annie Mabel, from Foochoo, with tea; W. H. Besse, from Oregon, with lumber. Two vessels are now overdue from Glasgow, and two from Liverpool. Bonded stocks, as per Government returns up to yesterday, are:—Rum, 92,746 gallons; brandy, 344,933 gallons; geneva, 95,690 gallons; whisky, 31,270 gallons; liqueurs, 4148 gallons; gin, 2469 gallons; all other spirits, 8799 gallons; wine, 236,195 gallons. Manufactured tobacco—248 half-tierces (84,056 lbs.), 554 quarter-tierces (139,462 lbs.), 782 boxes (77,494 lbs.), 163 cases (50,741 lbs.), 55 packages (4430 lbs.); leaf tobacco—651 hogsheads and casks (781,573 lbs.), 30 cases (2304 lbs.), 21 bales (5674 lbs.); cigars, 44,289 lbs.; snuff, 1153 lbs.; tea, 2,118,727 lbs.; chicory, 87,131 lbs.; opium, 4931 lbs.; kerosene, 107,607 gallons; sugar, 2509 tons 2 cwt. 3 qrs.; tea, 9 tons 3 cwt. 2 qrs.

BREADSTUFFS AND CEREALS.—Shipments of Californian wheat and flour received per Cyphrenes, and advices that the Milton Badger, M'Leod, Nation's Hope, and Wellington were expected to follow with assorted cargoes, of which breadstuffs may or may not form part, have not tended to strengthen the market. The wheat ex Cyphrenes, sold at about 5s., and the flour at £12 10s. to £13, is under offer privately. Fine samples of the South Australian crop are also to hand, and sales made for forward delivery at 5s. to 5s. 3d. Small lots of best Adelaide flour sell at £14 to £14 10s.; inferior qualities very unsalable. Maize fell from 5s. to 4s. 6d., and closes 2d. better. Split-peas have been bought at 11s. 6d. to 12s. 6d. Oatmeal, 30s. to 31s.

BUILDING MATERIALS.—Cement plentiful at 18s. to 20s.; the lower figure was accepted for Knight Bryan's at auction. Slates continue very scarce, and in demand.

CANDLES.—9d. to 9½d. for full-weights, and 8d. to 8½d. for 12 oz., are still current quotations.

COALS.—The export trade has slackened; prices remain as before. Foreign shipments for the month were—San Francisco, 8919 tons; Hongkong, 800; Shanghai, 3339; Singapore, 944; Honolulu, 400; Java, 1500; Ningpo, 430; Bombay, 1643; Galle, 780.

COFFEE.—Purchases have been of a retail character. Plantation has been sold at 1s. 2½d. to 1s. 3½d.; Native, 12½d. to 13d.; Java sorts are worth 11d. to 1s. No Manila in stock.

DRIED FRUITS.—Quotations have not receded to any extent, though the Christmas trade demand has ceased. New currants selling at 5½d. to 6½d., faulty fruit nominal; muscatel raisins are in short supply, and worth 1s. 1d. to 1s. 3d.; elemé, 7½d. to 8d.; sultana, 8d.; Jordan almonds, 1s. 8d. to 1s. 9d.; Barcelona nuts, 6d.; figs, 8d. to 9d.; dates, 3½d. to 4d.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Soda crystals have advanced to £10, caustic dull of sale at £20; Hall's JG blasting powder sold at 6½d. under the hammer. Other articles unaltered.

DUNDEE GOODS.—At a clearing sale held early this month, light-weight cornsacks were quitted at 9s. 3d., full-weight at 10s. 11d.; woolpacks invoiced 10½ lbs. at 2s. 9d.; ditto, 11 lbs., at 3s. 2d. to 3s. 4d. This is a fair indication of the extremely dull state of the market.

FISH.—A parcel of dried ling and cod sold by auction at 5½d., while for private sale holders ask 6½d. to 7d. White herrings wanted, and would command a full figure. There is a fair stock of sardines, quotable at 5s. to 5s. 3d. for quarters, 9s. 3d. to 9s. 4½d. for halves; 1-lb. oysters, 7s. 9d.; lobsters, 10s. 6d.; 1-lb. salmon, 9s. 6d. to 9s. 9d.; bulk, 4½d.

HOPS AND MALT.—New Kent of 1874 have not yet reached this market, but have been offered here on Melbourne account at fancy prices—say, 2s. 9d. f. o. b. at that port; old are selling at 1s. 3d. to 1s. 9d. There is a fair demand for malt at former quotations.

LEATHER.—With the exception of sole, there has been very little inquiry for colonial manufactured. This week's sales were particularly dull; buyers indisposed to operate until after the close of the year.

LIQUORS.—Brandies have improved a little. Hennessy's pale sold at 8s. 3d., Martell's dark at 7s. 6d., other good brands at about 7s.; inferior, for mixing purposes, 5s. 6d. to 6s. We heard of sales of Battle Axe case at 27s. 9d.; present quotations, 28s. to 28s. 3d.; Martell's, 26s.; Queensland rum plentiful at 2s. 3d.; sales of Lemon Hart's at 4s. Geneva, of full contents, has been placed at 13s. 3d.; medium at 12s. 3d. Old tom, Burnett's new label, 18s. 9d. to 19s. Common Scotch whisky, in wood, 4s.; Irish, 5s. 9d. Wines are nominal, and efforts to quit at auction without results. Beer in supply; leading brands of bulk ale worth £7 to £7 10s.; bottled, 10s. to 10s. 9d.; bottled stout, 9s. 9d. to 11s. 9d.

MARSALA.—Galvanised iron maintains its price. Fencing wire less firm. A shipment of White Cross, Nos. 6, 8 and 10, was forced off at £22 5s. Sheet lead commands last month's quotations; yellow metal slightly firmer.

NAVAL STORES.—Stocks continue light. Tar has been sold as high as 45s. Europe rope scarce, best Russian selling at £60, oakum at £40; Manila-made cordage very scarce.

OILMEN'S STORES AND GROCERIES.—Private sales very light, and efforts to test the market at auction unsatisfactory. Lea and Perrins' pint sauces sold at 16s., half-pint at 11s. 6d.; tapioca and sago at 3½d. Ehrensperger's blue at 8½d. Quotations for private sale are—Bottled fruits, 13s. to 14s.; 1-lb. English jams, 9s. 6d. to 10s.; 1-lb. mustard, 14s. to 14s. 6d.; ¼-lb. tins, 6s. to 6s. 6d.; pint pickles, 9s. 6d. to 10s. for best, and 8s. 6d. to 9s. for inferior; ½-pints, salad oil, 6s.; pints, 15s.; quarts, 19s.; bulk vinegar, 1s. 10d. to 2s.; bottled, 7s. 3d. to 8s.; blue starch, 46s.; white, 48s.

OILS.—By public sale Hubback's boiled and raw in drums realised 4s. 3d.; Blundell and Spence's, 4s. 7½; castor, 4s 9d; colza unaltered; kerosene, 1s. 9d. to 1s. 11d. d. p.

PROVISIONS.—English hams are more plentiful, and can be bought at 1s. 4d. to 1s. 5d.; cheese a shade lower, prime English is quoted at 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d.; colonial, 4d. to 6d.

RICE.—The present value of Patna cannot be quoted above £22, and the bulk of stocks held by one firm. Java sells at £22 to £26, according to quality. A parcel of inferior sold at £10 7s. 6d.

SALT.—Coarse Liverpool brought 80s. at auction; recent private sales were made at 85s., with an improving tendency. Fine is quoted at £5 10s. to £6, rock at £4 10s.

SUGAR.—The absence of fresh supplies from Mauritius has had a hardening tendency on all descriptions of crystals. Soft sugars rule very low in consequence of large sales of colonial at from £20 upwards. The Sea Ripple, daily expected from Port Louis, is looked for by the brewers, who are badly in want of manufacturing qualities.

TEAS.—Purchases for the year have been completed, judging from the futile efforts made to effect public sales. Holders expect better prices shortly owing to recent telegrams respecting the position of the Foochow market. The Aarhuus, from Brisbane, and Catherine, from Melbourne, brought portions of original cargoes, which were the only additions to stock.

TOBACCO AND CIGARS.—American advices to hand per Cyphrenes have strengthened the hands of holders. Aromatics are scarce at 1s. 3d. upwards; good tens command 1s. 2d.; light-weight No. 2 manilla cigars bring 57s. 6d.

The Melbourne *Argus* of Tuesday says:—

In the import market business shows little activity, and every day now there will be less and less doing until after stock-taking at the commencement of the year. No demand leading to any special transactions has been reported to-day. Breadstuffs maintain a considerable amount of firmness. Flour in parcels is evidently firmer than in small lots. For the former we note a very good inquiry indeed, though, owing to so little offering, no sales have reached us. £12 10s could readily be got. For bakers' lots we continue to quote £12 15s, bags returned, though some irregularity has been allowed to exist in regard to such lots, a trifle less money having been accepted in some cases. Wheat is very firm at 5s 9d to 5s 9½d, and this quotation could be got were any parcels offering. New has not yet come forward in sufficient quantity to enable us to give a reliable quotation. Sales of prime could be made at 5s 6d, this figure having been offered. Oats are firm, and sales of Californian have been made at 5s 3d, taken from store, a higher price than has yet been got for similar quality. For some time past the only supply in the market has been this description, and though the arrival of the Aristes may keep buyers back for a day or two, it is not expected that the price will be affected to any great extent. This cargo is advertised for auction sale to-morrow, and much interest is evinced in the result; but we understand that offers have been made privately for the entire shipment. Maize is very firm, and though we continue to quote 3s 9d, we hear of few sellers at the price; most holders look for a good deal higher. Cornsacks have been in very brisk demand, and business is likely to result; 10½d has been offered for a shipment of candles held outside of speculators, without leading to sales, 11d being required. Malt is moving off at 11s 3d in trade parcels. An entire shipment of 1400 bushels has changed hands at about our quotation. Sugars are very steady, but almost all the business doing goes through the auction mart. Some 6000 packages various descriptions will be offered publicly to-morrow forenoon. On Wednesday the weekly sale of Yarraville sugar will be held, instead of Thursday, and this will be the closing sale of the year from that refinery. In liquids, we note an improved demand for O'Brien's dagger stout, and upwards of 3000 cases have been taken up at a concession on the trade rate of 17s. The usual auction sale of small lots of wool was held at Messrs. R. Goldsbrough and Co.'s warehouse to-day, and there was a good attendance of buyers. The catalogue comprised 741 bales, of which 617 bales were sold, greasy realising 8d to 13½d, and fleece 1s 2d to 2s 3½d per lb. As is frequently the case with small clips, a large proportion of the lots were in inferior to ordinary condition. The prices obtained were about equal to last week's rates. Messrs. J. H. Clough and Co. held their usual weekly wool sale at their warehouse this afternoon, at which there was a good attendance of buyers. Biddings were brisk for most of the lots offered, and the prices obtained were about the same as those ruling last week. The catalogue comprised 560 bales, and greasy realised 8d to 13½d; scoured, 18d to 22d; and fleece, 16d to 21½d per lb.

COMMERCIAL.

PRODUCE CIRCULARS.

MORT AND CO.—Wool: There was a little more spirit evident in the biddings this week, but an improvement in prices can hardly be quoted, although in a few instances lines previously neglected were disposed of at this sale. The parcels most in demand are well conditioned fleece and good grown greasy, free of seed, of which the proportion still continues to be limited; for one line of this description, in beautiful condition, we obtained 12½d per lb., while inferior and seedy lots in grease ranged as low as 7½d per lb. Our catalogue comprised 1500 bales, and among the lots sold the undermentioned may be noted. A few small parcels of superior fleece were withdrawn at from 20½d to 21d per lb.; greasy, IL over IP over B, 15 bales at 10½d; JM, 10 at 9½d; Willeroo, 139 at 9½d; BES, 33 at 12½d; DRK, 7 at 8½d; JMD conjoined over Uriarra, 23 at 9d; RFS in oblong, 11 at 8d; WM over Cargo, 13 at 11½d; JB conjoined, 5 at 8½d; TB, 6 at 9d; M over WH, 14 at 9d; JWG, 9 at 9½d; L in heart over DT, 10 at 8½d; SS over Gambools, 10 at 11d; GTL, 8 at 9d; JL, 5 at 10d; WW, 5 at 10½d; BO, 4 at 9d; fleece, J. McEwen, 14 at 17½d; PxP, 55 at 18½d; Saltram over R in diamond, 30 at 19½d; RDI, 7 at 17½d; CL, 12 at 17½d; H over G, 8 at 17d; M, 42 at 19½d; AC over ⌣, 15 at 18½d; MCK, 16 at 18½d; JBW conjoined, 48 at 19d; 5 bellies at 13d; PC over diamond, 8 at 13d; TM, 16 at 18½d; TMB over F, 8 at 18d; Daly, 19 at 17½d; QG, 9 at 16½d; King, Brothers, 13 at 16½d; WB, 12 at 17d; JW over D, 7 at 16½d; GV, 10 at 17d; WB, 6 at 17½d; JHD conjoined over Mudgee, 15 at 19½d; DON, 34 at 18½d; aW over Tin Pot, 15 at 18d per lb. Sheepskins were hardly so firm, and the quality of those offered was also below the average. Our sales were—Short-woolled, 4½d to 6½d; fair to good, 7d to 8d per lb. Hides: The attendance of buyers was not as large as usual at to-day's sales, owing, no doubt, to the approaching holidays interfering with business; but notwithstanding this, biddings were moderately active at late rates, and nearly every lot on our catalogue was cleared at the following values: Medium to heavy, salted, 4½d to 5½d; light and dry, 5½d to 5¾d per lb. Horsehides were in good supply, but the demand being rather dull, a considerable number were withheld from sale. Quotations may be given at 7s to 8s for good sizes, and 4s to 5s for small and inferior. Tallow: The trade are purchasing suitable lots at recent quotations, but for shipment, although the demand is good, the quantity offering is unimportant. We quote beef, fair to good, £31 to £31 10s; inferior £27 to £29; mixed, £30 to £33. Of mutton there is very little offering, and good candle tallow would bring extreme prices—say from £36 to £38 per ton. Leather: The market is much the same as previously reported; parcels of sole suitable for shipment were in good request at from 10d to 10½d; and for trade purposes about ½d more. Of dressed sorts the supply was not large. Quotations: Kip, 18d to 21d; tweed, 22d to 26d; calf, 26d to 42d; sole, 10d to 11d; harness, 13d to 14½d per lb. Hair: Horse hair is selling well, the following prices having been realised at our sales to-day:—Mixed, 13d to 19½d; tail, 24d per lb. Horns realise from 20s to 28s for good sizes. Shankbones are salable at from £10 to £13 per ton for good, and £7 to £8 for medium. Tin Ore: Market moderately firm; we quitted a good line privately at late quotations.—December 24.

J. BRIDGE.—Wool at this week's sales was in better favour, and prices ranged thus—Greasy, 8½d to 11d; fleece, 18d to 22d; scoured, 15d to 20d. Skins too were taken very freely at 5d to 8½d. Tallow is in demand for shipment, at 30s to 31s for beef, and 32s to 36s for mutton. Hides were in improved demand at 4½d to 5½d for heavy weights in ordinary condition; light weights the same as last reported. Horse hides, 6s to 9s; kangaroo skins, 12s to 24s per dozen; calf, 3s to 5s each. Leather was taken sparingly owing to the holidays, and prices were unaltered. Hair, horns, and bones sold at prices last quoted, and were in active request. Black oil remains very scarce at 3s 9d to 4s. Tin ore is in better favour, and sells at 15s to 15s 6d per unit. Flour and wheat remain unchanged, buyers holding off for even lower prices. Business can with difficulty be done at £12 10s to £13 10s and 5s to 5s 3d. Maize is worth 4s 6d to 4s 11d. Potatoes, 4s to 5s 6d. Sugar is improving still, and sells readily at 25s to 32s for brown and light samples. Ration lots not in much demand.—December 24.

MAIDEN, HILL, AND CO.—Wool: Only one sale was held this week, prices obtained at which were quite equal to those of last week for good lines free from seed; faulty descriptions are hard to quit at lower rates. The Associated Auctioneers purpose holding their sales on Tuesday next, in lieu of Thursday. Tallow: Good bright shipping parcels were in better demand to-day; trade lots dull of sale. Quotations are—Mutton, £32 to £35; beef, £28 to £31; station, £23 to £29 per ton. Hides: This market was poorly supplied, as is usually the case at this time of the year; the attendance of buyers was also below the usual average. Heavy and good light hides were in request; really good horse are very salable. Calfskins and yearlings easier. Quotations—Heavy, 4½d to 5½d; medium, 4½d to 5½d; light, 5½d to 6½d per lb.; yearlings, 5s to 8s; calf, 3s to 4s 9d each. Leather: The only descriptions inquired for this week were sole, calf, harness, and yearling; kip in less favour, basils in demand. Present prices are—Sole, 10d to 10½d; kip, 16d to 22d; yearling, 24d to 27d; calf, 24d to 42½d; harness, 13d to 15d per lb. Bridle, 14s to 16s; bag, 14s to 17s per side. Basils, 6s to 11s per dozen. Horns and bones of good quality sell well at, for the former, 18s to 28s per 100; bones, £6 to £13 per ton. Hair of all descriptions is easier, say, superior horse, 24d to 25d; mixed, 18d to 22d; mane, 120 to 14d; cow, 8d to 13d per lb.—December 24.

STOCK AND STATION CIRCULARS.

SULLIVAN AND SIMPSON.—Stations: We have had some inquiries this week for good fattening cattle properties, and any that are not too heavily stocked would sell readily at very satisfactory prices; but owners of stations of this kind do not feel disposed to sell, particularly where they are out of the reach of selectors. Fat Cattle: The supply this week was again short of requirements, but the quality of some of the pens very prime indeed, for which extreme rates were obtained, particularly for any pens that could be classed as Christmas beef. We quote best pens of bullocks worth this week 24s to 25s per 100 lbs. Fair to good 21s to 23s, all others proportionately. We have this week sold by private contract, on account of Messrs. Clark, Brothers, of Melville Plains, 716 bullocks, at £8 per head; also 75 cows, at £7 per head—these cattle to be delivered at their Gullendady station, Liverpool Plains. Fat Sheep: The market is still very much overstocked, so much so that the Sydney Meat Company are now busy preserving, which always clearly shows the state of the market. However, our prices here compared with Melbourne are at least 2s per head higher, and if the graziers will not force in too many during the next couple of months, we may expect rates to improve again, for there is now on the road to this market quite a supply for the next five or six weeks if not another flock is started. Our quotations this week are nominal. Store Cattle: A very good demand for all bullocks, also for good dry cows that are not too old to fatten; but owing to the dry weather there are not many owners that care to commence mustering, thus very few lots in the market. We expect when we get a few days rain large numbers will change hands. We quote best 3 to 5 year old bullocks worth £6 to £5 2s 6d delivered in the neighbourhood of the fattening paddocks on the Hunter, and some ages delivered about Dubbo £5 5s to £5 7s 6d; all depends on breeding; mixed lots from 2 years up are also salable at from £3 15s to £5. Store Sheep: There is little or no demand for this class of stock, and until there is a general rain throughout the country, which is reported from all quarters as being very dry, we do not expect many will change hands.—December 24.

MAIDEN, HILL, AND CO.—Fat Cattle: The supply this week was the smallest we have had for some weeks, and as some of the lots were prime quality, good prices were obtained. Monday's sale opened with an advance of about 10s on last week's rates for prime quality, and for such prices were maintained to the closing sales on Wednesday. We have this week sold on account of Mr. Hugh Gordon, of Bundy Station, Castlereagh, 72 head, at an average of £8 18s 4d; also on account of Mr. H. B. Tomkins, of Bimble, near Coonamble, 41 head at an average of over £9 per head. These prices show what good country will do, as both these lots were principally from 2½ to 3 years old. We quote prime bullocks, from £8 10s to £10. Fat Sheep: This market is very much crowded at present, and the carcase trade and Meat Preserving Company cannot put away the supply fast enough, consequently prices are lower, and sales were difficult to effect. Still, looking at the rates ruling in Melbourne, and the expenses connected in reaching that market, our prices compare very favourably with theirs. Quotations here.—Prime 60-lb. wedders worth 11s; other sorts rather dull.—December 24.

T. S. CLIBBORN AND CO.—An excellent demand for really first-class carriage horses and hacks, while inferior horses are dull of sale. Useful harness horses, in fair condition, thoroughly broken, can be disposed of at fair rates. We have sold during the last fortnight—Pyrrhus, bay gelding, by New Warrior, for £150; Coronet, bay colt, 3 years, by Lord of Linne, for Mr. H. A. Thomson, £51. We also disposed of Mr. J. de V. Lamb's stud, realising for his carriage horses £378 (the highest price ever realised in the colony for a match pair, the nearest approach to this figure having been obtained for a pair of the late Mr. Edwin Rouse's via, 300 guineas); for Runnymede, 91 guineas; Pilgrim (trotter), £84; the other horses and ponies varying from £33 to £9. The carriage, four-in-hand drag, phaeton, &c., brought £390. We have inquiries for four pairs of carriage horses, and can obtain high prices for good coloured, evenly matched, well-broken animals.—December 24.

G. M. PITT AND SONS.—Fat Cattle: 800 forward. Sales on Monday opened with unusual briskness at an advance of fully 20s a head. There were only a few prime in, and as there is always a great demand for suet at this time of the year, choice pens of cows and light bullocks sold as high as 27s 6d per 100 lbs. Wednesday's sales also passed off well, but competition was not so keen as on Monday. We look on this rise as only temporary, and do not expect prices to be sustained above 22s 6d per 100 lbs. after next week. We quote best beef this week worth from 24s to 25s per 100 lbs. Our sales have been 144 mixed (J. M'Elhone's) at £8 8s 6d, 184 ditto at £8 10s, 166 ditto (J. Wooller's) at £9 10s, 378 ditto (Brown's) at £8 11s. Fat Sheep: The arrivals this week have been mostly in the hands of the trade, and sales have passed off without much animation. Nearly all the sheep on the road are in speculators' hands, and they are sanguine of improving prices. It all, however depends on the supply, and how they are placed on the market. We quote 56-lb. wethers worth 10s to 10s to 10s 6d. Our sales have been—1000 wethers (J. M'Elhone's), at 11s to 11s 6d; 40 lambs at 16s to 16s 6d.—December 24.

SYDNEY MARKETS

	Wholesale.	Retail.
The Mills—Bakers' silk-dressed superfine flour, bags included, per ton of 2000 lbs.	£13 10s	
Seconds, ditto, ditto	£11 10s	
Bran, per bushel	1s 6d	
Biscuit, cabin, per 100 lbs.	22s	
Navy, ditto	17s	
Bread, per 2-lb. loaf	—	3d to 3½d
Butchers' meat—Beef, per lb.	2d to 2½d	3d to 5d
Mutton, per ditto	1½d to 1½d	1½d to 5d
Pork, per ditto	5d	6d to 7d
Veal, per ditto	3d to 4d	4d to 6d
Poultry—Fowls, per couple	3s to 4s	3s to 7s
Ducks, per ditto	3s 6d to 4s 6d	7s to 10s
Geese, per ditto	7s to 10s	10s to 30s
Turkeys, per ditto	8s to 20s	14s to 50s
Pigeons, per ditto	1s 6d	2s to 2s 6d
Rabbits—per pair	3s 6d to 5s	5s to 6s
Roasting pigs, each	3s 6d to 5s	5s to 8s
Dairy Produce—Butter, per lb.	6d to 9d	10d to 1s
Cheese, per ditto	4d to 8d	6d to 10d
Bacon, per ditto	8d to 8½d	10d to 1s
Lard, per ditto	6d	6d
Eggs, per dozen	1s 2d to 1s 4d	1s 4d to 1s 6d
Vegetables—Potatoes, per cwt.	4s to 6s	8s
Onions	6s to 8s	2d per lb.
Cabbages, per dozen	1s to 4s	2d to 6d each
Lettuces, per ditto	6d to 1s	2d
Marrows, per ditto	2s to 4s	3d to 6d
Cucumbers, per ditto	2s to 4s	3d to 6d
Turnips, per dozen bunches	1s 6d to 2s	3d bunch
Carrots, per ditto ditto	1s to 1s 6d	2d
Parsnips, per ditto ditto	1s to 1s 6d	2d
Rhubarb, per ditto ditto	1s to 3s	3d to 4d
Celery, per ditto ditto		6d to 9d per head
Asparagus, per ditto ditto	5s to 6s	9d to 1s bunch
Green peas, per bushel	5s	3s peck
French beans, per ditto	1s 6d to 2s	1s
Broad beans, per ditto	1s 6d	9d to 1s
Fruit—Oranges, per case	8s to 10s	6d to 2s 6d dozen
Lemons, per ditto	5s to 6s	9d to 1s
Apples, per ditto	3s to 5s	1d to 1s
Pears, per ditto	3s 6 to 4s	3d to 1s
Apricots, per ditto	3s to 10s	3d to 1s dozen
Peaches, per ditto	10s to 15	
Plums, per ditto	6s to 10s	3d to 8d quart
Greengages		1s 6d quart
Pineapples, per dozen	24s	3s each
Water melons, per ditto	24s	3s to 4s
Rock ditto, per ditto	20s	3s to 4s
Bananas, per dozen	6d to 7d	9d to 1s dozen
Gooseberries, per case	5s	6d to 9d quart
Strawberries, per quart	6d	9d to 1s
Cherries, per lb.	6d	8d to 1s 6d per lb
Honey, per lb.	4d	6d per lb.
Forage—Straw, per cwt.	4s 9d to 5s	
Lucerne, per ditto	4s 6d to 5s	
Oaten, per ditto	5s to 6s	
Maize, per bushel	4s 7d to 4s 9d	
Oats, per ditto	3s to 4s 6d	
Green food, per dozen bundles	8d.	

BONDED STOCKS.

Sydney.—Week ending December 24, 1874.

DESCRIPTION.		Stock on hand December 18, 1874.	Received into Bond.	Delivered for Home Consumption.	Delivered for Exportation.	Stock on hand December 24, 1874.
Rum—W. I.	gals.	69,271	2,588	1,818	172	64,372
East India		8,556	468	645	73	8,316
Foreign		48	...	...	...	48
All other Spirits		7,778	1,155	134	...	8,799
Brandy		337,848	13,610	5,280	1,370	344,933
Geneva		95,870	3,009	2,642	687	95,690
Whisky		32,859	...	685	404	31,270
Liqueurs		4,174	29	40	15	4,148
Gin		2,588	...	88	39	2,460
Wine		250,279	4,488	1,740	832	236,195
Manufactured Tobacco. Half-Tierces		254	2	1	7	248
	lbs.	85,996	829	396	2,332	84,056
Qr.-Tierces		558	21	9	...	554
	lbs.	136,344	5,831	734	489	139,462
¼-bxs. and bxs.		783	...	...	1	782
	lbs.	77,542	...	...	48	77,494
Cases		170	...	1	1	168
	lbs.	81,105	...	192	172	80,741
Repks.—pkgs.		75	...	...	20	55
	lbs.	4,920	...	...	490	4,430
Leaf Tobacco. Hhds and cks.		626	27	2	...	*651
	lbs.	750,172	33,688	2,282	...	*781,578
Cases		30	...	...	...	*30
	lbs.	2,304	...	...	...	*2,304
Bales		21	...	...	...	*21
	lbs.	5,674	...	...	...	*5,674
Cigars. Cases		431	...	4	...	427
	lbs.	45,022	...	410	...	*43,612
Repks.—pkgs.		61	...	1	11	49
	lbs.	1,420	...	30	123	1,277
Snuff	pkgs.	6	...	...	...	6
	lbs.	1,153	...	...	...	1,153
Tea	lbs.	1,912,019	249696	48,127	1,861	2,118,727
Chicory		87,131	...	...	...	87,131
Opium		5,236	...	285	20	4,931
Kerosene Oil	gals.	107,607	...	...	300	107,607

Sugar.—Stock on hand December 18, 2489 tons 16 cwt.; received into stock, 17 tons 11 cwt. 3 qrs.; delivered for home consumption, 48 tons 4 cwt. 3 qrs.; delivered for exportation, nil; stock on hand December 24, 2509 tons 2 cwt. 3 qrs.

Coffee.—Stock on hand December 18, 9 tons 3 cwt. 2 qrs.; received into stock, nil; delivered for home consumption, nil; delivered for exportation, nil; stock on hand December 24, 9 tons 3 cwt. 2 qrs.

* 204 casks 16 bales 5 cases entries passed for bond, but not yet weighed.

BOROUGH COUNCILS.

GLEBE.—A meeting of the Council was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, the 14th instant. Present—The Mayor, Hon. G. W. Allen, Aldermen Pasean, Seamer, Redman, Thornley, Reilly, Ellis, Mansfield, Jarrett, and Clark. Correspondence.—1. From the poundkeeper, resigning his situation. Resignation accepted. 2. From the Inspector of Nuisances, in explanation of the performance of his duties. Moved by Alderman Thornley,—"That the inspector's services be continued for three months, from 31st December instant, and that he furnish the Council with a monthly report of his work." Seconded by Alderman Reilly, and carried. 3. From the Mayor of Redfern, asking the co-operation of this Council to support candidates for Parliament who will use their influence to obtain permanent endowment for municipalities. Petition presented by Alderman Reilly from ratepayers in Sterling-street, asking to have part of it kerbed and guttered. Petition read, and referred to the Improvement committee for report. Reports received. Finance of 5th and 20th November and 4th December for payments amounting to £715 19s 1d. Improvement Committee of 24th November. 1. Recommending that the Council protest against the altered allignment of part of Cowper-street from Glebe Road to Glebe-street, and that the Surveyor-General be requested to have it re-aligned in accordance with original plan as laid out by Mr. Blacket. 2. That the small room adjacent to the Council chamber be dedicated for all clerical work, and that the Council chamber be reserved for meeting of the Council. 3. That Alderman Thornley be authorised to get the gas laid on, the papering done, the notice board rearranged, and a suitable storage in yard for plant and material. 4. That Aldermen Chapman and Thornley be appointed a sub-committee, with full power to make all necessary arrangements for the office business. 5. That the south side of Ross-street from Parramatta Old Road, to St. John's Road, be kerbed and guttered at a cost, as per surveyor's estimate. 6. The committee cannot recommend that any repairs be made on Parramatta Old Road, from end of Arundel-terrace to Lodge-street, in consequence of the great encroachments on that part of said street. Finance reports were adopted, on the motion of Alderman Pasean, seconded by Alderman Ellis. Moved by Alderman Mansfield,—"That the Improvement Committee's report as received be adopted." Seconded by Alderman Thornley. Moved as an amendment by Alderman Redman,—"That paragraph 6 be not adopted." Seconded by Alderman Pasean, and lost. The original motion was then put and carried. Resolved,—"That a meeting of the Council be held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday next, for consideration of erection of fence in Hereford-street."—W. Du Buron Heeran, Council Clerk and Surveyor.

EXTRAORDINARY ESCAPE.—The *Burrangong Argus* reports that a horse and dray were standing in Main-street, Young, when, from some cause or other, the winkers worked from the horse's head on to its neck. No sooner did the animal perceive the dray behind it than it took fright, made a plunge, and took to galloping along the street. A lad, who was in the dray, stuck with great courage to the reins, and tried to pull the horse up, but without avail. In going round the corner past the Post Office Hotel, it appeared that the lot must come to grief, as the animal took a course between the corner allignment-post and the two posts next to it, but the wheels seemed just to clear the posts by a hair's breadth, and away the horse tore along Burrowa-street, the spectators fearing every moment to see some horrible smash. Nothing of the sort, however, took place, for, after turning the corner by Watson's mill, the horse got its career stopped, by running smack against a team of bullocks, which were drawn up like a barrier, extending from the fence, in an oblique direction, partly across the road, and thus was averted, what threatened, with an appearance of absolute certainty, to be a terrible, if not fatal, accident.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

FROM 18TH DECEMBER TO 25TH DECEMBER.

THE elections for the country constituencies have been going on throughout the week. The general result, as regards the supporters and opponents of the existing Government, does not appear to be yet clearly determined.

The field battery of the New South Wales Regular Artillery left Sydney for Parramatta on the 18th instant, and, having camped out in the old Domain, near that township, returned to Sydney.

A series of musical, dramatic, and calisthenic performances have taken place during the week at the Exhibition Building. At these entertainments the singing of Madame Anna Bishop has been the great attraction.

The opening match of the Prince Alfred Yacht Club, for a fine bronze vase, took place on Saturday last. The Ione carried off the trophy.

Mr. Henry Rawlinson, chief of one of the four divisions of the Metropolitan Police, died at his residence on the 18th instant. The deceased was an excellent officer, and respected by all.

The produce merchants of Sydney gave a picnic to Mr. John See, at Clontarf, on the 19th instant.

Last Tuesday week, at Gundaroo, a girl named Charlotte Case shot a child named Edwards through foolishly playing with firearms.

On the 15th instant, Thomas Elliott, of the Five Islands Estate, died of inflammation of the bowels from eating new potatoes.

Captain H. T. Fox has been appointed to a seat in the Marine Board, vacant by the resignation of Mr. G. R. Dibbs.

Last Saturday afternoon, prizes awarded to members of the Sydney and Suburban Battalions of Volunteers were presented at the Victoria Barracks.

Last Monday afternoon, Thakombau, ex-King of Fiji, and his two sons, Ratu Timothy and Ratu Thelus, left in H.M.S. Dido for Levuka.

The School of Arts Latin class have presented a handsome testimonial to their late teacher, J. D. Sly, M.A., LL.D., as a token of their appreciation of his able and disinterested labours for nearly seven years.

There was another fire at Pyrmont last Sunday night, when a wooden building, with property worth about £100, was destroyed.

The last session of the Legislative Assembly included fourteen days of meeting, and the total length of the sittings was 76h. 53m., the daily average being 5h. 29½m.

An ordination of priests and deacons was held on the 21st instant by the Bishop of Sydney, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, when four students of theology were made "deacons" (according to the forms of the Church of England), and four deacons advanced to the order of "priesthood."

The *Fiji Times* says that the native Fijians are now hiring themselves freely as "field hands," but that they look for guns and ammunition for wages.

On the 11th instant, at Bygoloree Station, near Burrangong, a girl named Phillips was killed by the falling of a tree.

The crew of the James Birnie have been massacred at the Solomon Group. The whole of the white men of the crew were butchered but a person named Rhodes.

At Nubba, near Burrangong, a lad named Clair was thrown from a horse and killed.

On Wednesday last, at 2 p.m., a most disastrous fire broke out at Windsor. About thirty houses were destroyed, and two persons burned to death. The estimated loss of property is over £13,000.

On Wednesday last, in the county of Cumberland, there was a perfect hurricane of hot wind. In the Domain at Sydney many trees were destroyed. A part of the scaffolding at St. Mary's was broken down and damaged.

The sum of £1654 has been raised for the testimonial to be presented to the Hon. Sir Alfred Stephen, C.B., K.C.M.G.

There was a fire at Parramatta on the 24th instant, wherein a stable and shed were destroyed.

The annual meeting of the Surry Hills Auxiliary to the Wesleyan Church Extension and Sustentation Society was on Wednesday evening last held in Bourke-street Church.

A grand musical, literary, and dramatic entertainment was given at the Redfern Town Hall, on last Tuesday evening, in aid of the funds for the above club's new cricket ground; there were about 400 persons present. The entertainment was very successful.

The Bourke-street Young Men's Society held its usual meeting on Tuesday, 22nd instant. The evening was occupied by extempore speaking on secular education, protection, emigration, &c.

On the 20th instant, services were held in the Manly Beach Congregational Church, at its reopening after enlargement.

SHIPS' CREWS.

(*From the Review, October 24.*)

IN the last disastrous collision that has occurred upon our coasts, other considerations than those of a lamentable loss of life and property press themselves upon our attention, and in commenting thereon we shall be careful not to prejudge the question of blame in respect thereof.

A fine ship of 1500 tons register was so injured in the collision that she immediately sank, carrying down the captain and seven of the crew, the remainder having escaped on board the vessel with which she was in contact. What that remainder was, we felt some curiosity in ascertaining, and we found that the number was twenty-three, which, with those lost, amounts to thirty-one, all told, who were set to navigate this large vessel round the world. We shall not ask whether this number was the legal one—it probably was—nor shall we desire to throw any odium upon her owners, who are doubtless justified in manning their vessel in accordance with law; but as maritime matters are likely to receive an attention in the next session of Parliament that is more in accordance with the magnitude of the interests involved, we trust that not only the efficiency but also the proportion of seamen to tonnage will receive attention. In our opinion, thirty men—one-half of whom can only be on watch at any time—seems quite inadequate to the proper navigation of a ship of the magnitude indicated, especially as two of their number were apprentices, and a moiety of the rest would be only ordinary and not able-bodied seamen, and at least four of the remainder officers. But supposing all were efficient, there would be only two men per 100 tons, including all grades, or two-thirds of the number, excluding officers, that were considered an efficient company in the times when vessels were more successfully navigated.

As our readers are doubtless aware, the hours of work of a seaman are fourteen one day and ten the next, or an average of twelve out of each twenty-four are required of the sailor; and in bad weather, of course even a longer service will be needful; besides such instances as when getting under way, or when it is necessary to shorten sail, or to come to an anchor, which operations in a vessel of the size indicated would require the service of the whole crew; and as the strength of a chain is that of its weakest link, is is no answer to say that for fine weather the number may be sufficient, as the crew, like the vessel, should be efficient in the numerous conditions of bad and thick weather that form a portion of every voyage.

Our facetious contemporary *Punch*, last week represented our Royal Captain as suggesting to the Seaman's Friend that he wanted to obtain seaworthy seamen, whilst the latter insisted on seaworthy ships, and that they were, therefore, to use a nautical expression, "rowing in the same boat." Doubtless the one is as important as the other, but we contend that more may be done to encourage a good class of men by fair treatment than by any number of homilies.

The seaman has as much a right to know that he is navigating a seaworthy ship as landsmen have in the various employments in which they are engaged; but to maintain his moral as well as his physical efficiency, it is quite as necessary that he shall know that the labour required of him shall not be, as a rule, unduly severe. In fact, both in the construction of vessels and in the power of crew, there should always be something in hand to meet the eventualities that are certain to occur; and much of the degeneration of seamen, of which we hear so much, we more than suspect arises from the fact that they are treated more as machines, from which the last ounce of power is to be extracted, than as men possessing the hopes, desires, and interests of our common humanity. Let the seaman feel that his employer takes an interest in his welfare, and is anxious to apportion his wages to the ability and steadiness of his conduct; and, above all, that he will not be required to do the work of two men for the pay of one, and we will venture to say that as respectable a class of men will be forthcoming as those in commercial life, who are encouraged by the same hope of that reward that sweetens labour.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills."—*Civil Service Gazette.* Made simply with boiling water or milk. In packets and tins (tins are better, ¼, and 1 lb.). Each packet is labelled—"James Epps and Co., homœopathic chemists, London." Manufacture of Cocoa.—"We will now give an account of the process adopted by James Epps and Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Euston Road, London."—See article in *Cassell's Household Guide.*—ADV.

A MAGIC MODE OF PREPARING SKELETON LEAVES.—Get six ounces of washing soda, and dissolve it in two quarts of boiling water. Slack three ounces of quick-lime, and then pour this also into the boiling water. Let all boil together for fifteen minutes. Then remove it from the fire. Let it settle, and pour off the clear fluid. Pour this into a second clean vessel, and set it on the fire again. When it boils, put in the leaves; let them boil for one hour; then take up one and throw it into a basin of cold water—rain-water is best. If the epidermis comes off freely by rubbing the leaf between the finger and thumb, under the water, then all the leaves may be removed from the solution. When they have all been carefully freed from the epidermis, put them in a mixture of chloride of lime and water; about a wine-glass of chloride to a quart of water. Some leaves will take only ten minutes to bleach, others an hour or more. Let them be watched, therefore, for they may burn into shreds if steeped too long. When pure white, throw them (carefully) into a basin of cold water; from that float them out on slips of paper. When almost dry, put them in a book, to become quite dry and stiff. Then they are complete. The best for a beginner to try on at this season is the smooth holly, or the golden-edged holly, large-leaved ivy, or common poplar, if they can be had perfect, especially the aspen.—*The Gardeners' Magazine.*

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VOLUNTEER NOTICES.

RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—Holders of Subscription Lists for the purpose of raising funds to send a team of Australian Riflemen to England are requested to send in the same, together with the amounts collected, to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. C. BREWER, at once.

No. 205. Brigade Office, Sydney, 23rd December, 1874.

BRIGADE ORDER.—4. The Annual INSPECTION for 1875 will be made of the various Volunteer Corps as follows:—

ARTILLERY BRIGADE—As to state of arms, accoutrements and clothing—proficiency in manual and firing exercises—company drill—and gun drill as follows:—

Nos. 1 and 2 Batteries—Field-gun drill, and field movements.

Nos. 4 and 5 Batteries—Armstrong gun drill.

Nos. 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 Batteries—Traversing gun drill (42-pounders).

Officers and Non-commissioned Officers will be expected to have a general and theoretical knowledge of gunnery, and gunners a general knowledge of their duties as such. Books as below.

ENGINEERS—As to state of arms, accoutrements, and clothing—proficiency in manual and firing exercises—Company and Battalion drills—and Officers and Non-commissioned Officers in Army signalling. Books as below.

INFANTRY, UNITED FOR DRILL AS A BATTALION—As to state of arms, accoutrements, and clothing—proficiency in manual and firing exercises—Company, Battalion, and Light Infantry drills—the formation of advanced and rear-guards, and the duties appertaining to piquets, outposts, and guards.

INFANTRY, NOT UNITED FOR DRILL AS A BATTALION—As above, but with the exception of Battalion drill.

ARTILLERY, ENGINEERS, AND INFANTRY.

The muster roll, arm, battery, and company order and letter books, and regimental order and letter books, must be presented for inspection, and will be required to be properly kept and posted up to date.

The attention of all ranks is called to foot-note on Forms B, C, E, and F, pages 30, 31, and 32 Volunteer Regulations, having reference to absence from Annual Inspection by reason of sickness or leave; and excuses will not be entertained for the non-fulfilment of the conditions therein specified, and under which such absence is alone authorised.

By command.
W. B. B. CHRISTIE, Captain,
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GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

The Treasury, New South Wales
1st December, 1874.

PAYMENT OF RENTS OF RUNS.—Holders of Runs in the 2nd class settled and unsettled districts are reminded that by the 26th clause of the Regulations under the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 the rents of all runs must be paid on or before the 31st instant.
Persons tendering payments will be required to state the lessee's name, district, and name of run.
A pamphlet having been published, showing the rents payable on the various runs of the colony, copies of the same can be obtained at the Government Printing Office at a charge of 1s 6d each.
GEO. A. LLOYD.

Department of Public Works, Railway Branch,
Sydney, 28th November, 1874.

TO CARRIERS, LIGHTERMEN, and others.—TENDERS will be received at this office until 11 o'clock a.m. on TUESDAY, the 29th December next, from persons willing to contract for cartage of railway materials from the shipping wharfs to Redfern Railway Stores, or for lightering said materials from the ship's side to Darling Harbour Wharf, for a period of three years from the 1st March, 1875.
Specifications may be seen and further particulars obtained at the Railway Office, Phillip-street.
Tenders are to be endorsed "Tender for Conveyance of Railway Materials."
JOHN RAE, Commissioner for Railways.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE CITY BANK.
NOTICE.—SATURDAY, the 26th instant (Boxing Day), being a Public Holiday, this Bank will be CLOSED.
WILL. NEILL, Manager.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
A BRANCH of the Bank is now open at LIVERPOOL, in this colony, for the transaction of all ordinary banking business.
SHEPHERD SMITH, General Manager.
Sydney, 22nd December, 1874.

THE AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK.
SATURDAY, 26th December, 1874, being a General Holiday, this Bank will be closed.
VINCENT W. GIBLIN, General Manager.
Sydney, 23rd December, 1874.

THE VICTORIA INSURANCE COMPANY.—SATURDAY, December 26, 1874, being a general holiday, the Office of the above Company will be closed.
FREDK. J. JACKSON,
Resident Secretary.
Sydney, 24th December, 1874.

Metropolitan Transit Commissioners' Office,
160, Phillip-street, Sydney, December 24, 1874.
ALTERATION in the ROUTE of OMNIBUSES to and from PARK ROAD, DARLINGHURST, COOGEE, and WOOLLAHRA.
The Metropolitan Transit Commissioners direct that, from and after FRIDAY, January 1, 1875, Omnibuses travelling to and from the above places will proceed by COLLEGE, PARK, and PITT STREETS, instead of as heretofore.
W. J. MERRIMAN, Registrar.

Metropolitan Transit Commissioners' Office,
160, Phillip-street, Sydney, December 23, 1874.
TO OMNIBUS, HACKNEY CARRIAGE, and CAB PROPRIETORS.—NOTICE is hereby given, that the annual INSPECTION of Omnibuses, Hackney Carriages, and Cabs plying in the City and Police Districts of Sydney will be held at this Office, on WEDNESDAY next, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
W. J. MERRIMAN, Registrar.

CAUTION.—Whereas Letters of Registration have been recently granted to Mr. CHARLES WHEELER, for Wheeler's Grinding and Gold-saving Mill, for treating quartz, tailings, and pyrites, and which alleged invention is an infringement of the principles of an invention of a similar nature for which Letters of Registration have been granted to me, I hereby give notice that I am taking the necessary steps to procure the cancellation of the said Letters of Registration so granted to the said CHARLES WHEELER, and that legal proceedings will be instituted against all person making or imitating my said invention or any of the principles on which it is based.
THOMAS DENNY, Denison Foundry, Bathurst.
December 18, 1874.

SYDNEY FOUNDLING HOSPITAL, 112, Victoria-street.—CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS thankfully received by any of the Ladies of the Committee.
There are now seventeen children and a large staff of nurses in the Institution.
Mrs. WISE, Hon. Treasurer.
Mrs. BENSUSAN, Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.—A. A. COMPANY.
WARRAH BULL SALE.
Notice is hereby given that intending purchasers can see all the young BULLS to be exposed for SALE on 6th instant, in the Old Warrah Stockyard, at 10 o'clock a.m.; and luncheon will be on the table at New Warrah, at half-past 12 o'clock noon, on the above date.
SAMUEL A. CRAIK,
Superintendant Stock and Stations A. A. Company.
Warrah, Murrurundi, 1st January, 1875.

W. PRITCHARD, Auctioneer and Agent for the disposal of Landed Property of all descriptions, 174, Pitt-street, tenders his thanks to the public for the liberal support he has received since commencing the above business, and in doing so takes this opportunity of informing those whom it may concern that the results obtained by the course adopted by him of selling properties by auction on the ground have been most satisfactory to both buyer and seller.
W. PRITCHARD will recommence his Auction Sales immediately after the termination of the holidays.

CAUTION.—TO SHIPPERS AND OTHERS.—BISHOP'S GRANULAR EFFERVESCENT CITRATE OF MAGNESIA.—Whereas the original inventor of the above celebrated saline draught has discovered that large quantities of an inferior preparation have been shipped to the colonies and elsewhere, purporting to be of Mr. Bishop's manufacture, and bearing labels similar to those registered and issued by him:—NOTICE is hereby given that the genuine Bishop's Granular Effervescent Citrate of Magnesia is manufactured by the undersigned only, and shippers are cautioned to see that each label bears the trade mark and full address of ALFRED BISHOP, Manufacturing Chemist, 17, Speck's Fields, Mile-end, Newtown, London, N.E.
Agents for Sydney, Messrs. ELLIOTT, BROTHERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that APPLICATION is intended to be made to the Parliament of New South Wales during the next session thereof, for and on behalf of the WARATAH COAL COMPANY, for leave to introduce a BILL to enable the said Company to make and construct a line of railway, being an extension of their present railway, such extension to commence at the Company's present line of railway at a point situated about 50 chains south-westerly from the Great Northern Railway, and passing across the Scottish, Australian, or Lambton Company's Railway, at a point eight chains from the point of divergence; thence south-westerly through land the property of the English and Australian Copper Company; thence continuing south-westerly through two hundred and eighty acres, leased for coal mining purposes by Messieurs James and Alexander Brown, and crossing Messieurs Brown's railway at a point about thirty-five chains from where the Waratah Coal Company's proposed extension will commence; thence south-westerly through the land of the said Waratah Coal Company; thence through six hundred and forty acres of land the property of the said Messieurs James and Alexander Brown; and thence through three hundred and twenty acres belonging to the Lambton Colliery Company, entering the lands of the said Waratah Coal Company at the northern boundary thereof, the length of such proposed extension of line of railway being about three and a quarter miles. And also to make and construct another branch of such railway, commencing from the Waratah Coal Company's present line of railway, at a point situated about ninety chains north-westerly from the junction of the Great Northern Railway with the Waratah Coal Company's Railway; thence north-westerly through two hundred and eighty acres of Crown lands, leased for coal-mining purposes by Messieurs James and Alexander Brown; thence north-westerly through one hundred acres and three hundred and twenty acres respectively, leased by the Waratah Coal Company; and thence through the freehold lands of the Waratah Coal Company to the quarry leased by the Government from the said Waratah Coal Company, the length of such branch line being seventy-three chains and thirty-three links or thereabouts.
Dated this 10th day of December, A.D. 1874.
WILLIAM BARKER, Solicitor for the Bill.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION.
In the Will of MARGARETTA BRUCE BALDOCK, late of Prince's Gardens, Prince's Gate, Hyde Park, in the county of Middlesex, in England, Widow, deceased.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the Accounts of the Administrator have This Day been filed in the Office of the Supreme Court-house, King-street, Sydney; and all parties having any claims on the said estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are required to come in before me, at my Office, Supreme Court-house, King-st., Sydney aforesaid, on or before THURSDAY, the thirty-first day of December instant, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the said accounts, and, if they shall think fit, object thereto; and in the event of no exception being taken within the time abovementioned, then the same will be proceeded to be inquired into and disposed of in due course of law.
Dated this seventeenth day of December, A.D. 1874.
D. B. HUTCHINSON, Prothonotary.
STEPHEN and STEPHEN, Proctors for the said Administrator, New Pitt-street, Sydney.

NOTICE.—I will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by my wife after this date. B. Gedick.

ADVANCES made on Wool, Metals, and other colonial produce for sale here, in London, or elsewhere. Credits granted for purchase of goods, and indents executed, all on the most favourable terms, through our London house, conducted by W. O. Gilchrist, Esq.
GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO.
Lloyd's Agency.

NOTICE.—Persons REMOVING GRAVEL, Turf, or Stone, or otherwise damaging the Underwood Estate, Paddington, will be PROSECUTED according to the law.
By order of the Trustees.
FRANK E. DIXON, Secretary.

NOTICE.—Persons REMOVING TURF, Gravel, or Fences, cutting Timber, or otherwise damaging the Underwood Estate, Ashfield, will be PROSECUTED according to the law.
By order of the Trustees.
FRANK E. DIXON, Secretary.

NOTICE.—Persons REMOVING TURF, Gravel, or Fences, cutting Timber, or otherwise damaging the Underwood Estate, Homebush, will be PROSECUTED according to the law.
By order of the Trustees.
FRANK E. DIXON, Secretary.

WOOL.
The undersigned effects the SALE of Wool in this market by private contract, and is prepared, if a satisfactory price cannot be obtained, to ship under liberal advances to his London Agent, Mr. Edward Stavenhagen, under whose personal supervision, with that of Mr. Rudolph Kummerer, all consignments are realised.
HENRY AUSTIN, 35, Hunter-street.

THE UNDERSIGNED has returned to Sydney and resumed business at 35, Hunter-street.
HENRY AUSTIN.
1st October, 1874.

WOOL.—The undersigned are prepared to make liberal advances on Wool and other produce consigned to their agents in London and America. Arrangements have been made to ensure the utmost care and supervision in effecting sales.
MONTEFIORE, JOSEPH, and CO.

ENGLISH AGENCY.—The undersigned, established in London upwards of twenty years, confine themselves exclusively to a General Commission Business, are well acquainted with Australian requirements, and possess special facilities for purchasing goods to the best advantage in the English markets.
Indents should be accompanied by cash remittances, or bank letters of credit, to insure full trade discounts. Account sales of produce under consignment rendered promptly, and net proceeds invested to order, every attention being devoted to the eligible shipment and insurance of all goods passing through their hands.
E. S. LLOYD and CO., 3, George Yard, Lombard-street, London.
References—Messrs. G. A. Lloyd and Co.

HENRY BEIT AND CO. have for SALE several first-class CATTLE PROPERTIES in QUEENSLAND and NEW SOUTH WALES, with from 2000 to 6000 head cattle.
Also Sheep Properties in New Zealand.
62, Margaret-street.

CAUTION.—BASS AND CO.,—TRIANGLE, TRADE MARK.
It having come to the knowledge of Messrs. BASS and CO. that certain unprincipled persons have been dealing in imitations or forgeries of their well-known Trade Mark, which has been duly registered at the office of the Registrar-General in Sydney, on 1st October, 1873, as the sole property and copyright of Messrs. Bass and Co., they have instructed their attorneys to prosecute with the utmost rigour of the law any person or persons found printing, selling, or offering for sale any imitation or forgery of such trade mark, whether affixed to bottles or in any other form.
MONTEFIORE, JOSEPH, and CO.,
Agents for Messrs. Bass and Co.

MORT AND CO.,
CIRCULAR QUAY, SYDNEY,
WOOL BROKERS,
LIVE STOCK AND STATION AGENTS,
SHEEP AND CATTLE SALESMEN.
LIBERAL ADVANCES on WOOL, SHEEPSKINS, TALLOW, HIDES, LEATHER, TIN, and other MINERAL ORES, and any other Colonial Produce consigned to them for Sale in Sydney, or for Shipment to their agents Messrs. W. MORT and CO., London.

ALFRED CHANDLER AND CO., AUCTIONEERS,
Insurance and General Commission Agents,
beg to notify that they continue to conduct OUT-DOOR AUCTION SALES of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, STOCKS-IN-TRADE, REAL PROPERTY, &c., on the same bona fide principles which for fifteen years have secured them the confidence and approbation of all with whom they have had business relations.
Having no auction rooms or warehouses, they neither buy nor sell on their own account, and the system hitherto pursued of confining their transactions to a purely commission business, will be strictly adhered to, thereby ensuring their constituents the best market value, and inspiring full confidence in buyers that they will be faithfully and honestly dealt with.
☞ Cash advanced if required on furniture, &c., for immediate sale.
Rents collected and estates managed.
OFFICES—168, PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

NOTICE TO THE RETAIL TRADE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
ROBERT MOORE, late Buyer and Sole Agent for Messrs. Farmer and Company during the PERIOD of the MARKED SUCCESS of their business, will arrive in Sydney by the next Suez mail, and will be open to receive a few select accounts to buy for on commission in the Home and Continental markets.
1, Guildhall-chambers, London, E.C.,
2nd November, 1874.

THE UNDERSIGNED having been appointed SOLE AGENTS in the colonies for Messrs. D. HOGARTH and CO., PRESERVED PROVISION MANUFACTURERS, and EXPORT OILMEN, LONDON and ABERDEEN, are in receipt of regular shipments, and are prepared to execute INDENTS for their MANUFACTURES.
HENRY BEIT and CO., 62, Margaret-street.

RAYNES, TREEVE, AND CO.,
Mort's Rooms, Pitt-street,
Auctioneers, Land and Estate Agents, and Valuators, undertake the management of Estates.
Mortgages negotiated.
Cash advanced upon properties submitted for sale.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN
STOCK AND STATION AGENTS,
and
CATTLE SALESMEN,
WOOL STORES—Circular Quay.
SALE YARDS—Homebush and Sydney.
OFFICES—Bell's-chambers, Pitt-street, Sydney.
LIBERAL ADVANCES made on all Produce or Stock consigned to us.

THE UNDERSIGNED are cash purchasers of TIN and TIN ORE, and are also prepared to make liberal advances on shipments made to their London correspondents. HENRY BEIT and CO., 62, Margaret-street.

CHAMPAGNE VINEYARD PROPRIETORS COMPANY'S COGNAC.
The Undersigned are AGENTS for the Company at Sydney, and have a stock in bulk and cases constantly on hand.
HARBOTTLE, BIDDULPH, and ALSOP,
121, Pitt-street North.
Sydney, October 1, 1872.

TIN. TIN.
HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN receive TIN ORE for SALE or shipment, and will make liberal advances when required.

F. L. BARKER,
Wool and Produce Broker,
Live Stock and Station Agent.
Liberal advances on all descriptions of Colonial Produce consigned to him for sale, or shipment. Wool Stores, Circular Quay. Offices—Pitt-street (opp. Bell's-chambers).

HILL END AND TAMBAROORA.
MR. W. G. COLLINGS,
Mining Agent, Manager, and Broker.
Reports and surveys carefully made, and inquiries answered.

INDENTS.—The undersigned are prepared to execute Indents on the most favourable terms, for all kinds of Merchandise of British, Continental, or American manufacture.
RABONE, FEEZ, and CO., 3, Wynyard-street.

NOTICE.—The Ladies Committee of the School of Industry requests that the parents and friends visiting the above institution will be careful to avoid all contact with the now prevalent diseases previous to mixing with the children in the school.

BOWDEN, MILLS, AND GORDON
AUCTIONEERS AND VALUATORS,
LAND and ESTATE AGENTS, 154, PITT-STREET.
Outdoor Sales Conducted.
☞ Cash advanced on properties or goods for sale.

COW FLAT MINE.—This Property is WITHDRAWN from sale until further notice.
GILCHRIST and WESTON.
Sydney, 26th December, 1874.

NOTICE.—The BUSINESS of a Stock and Share Broker and Financial Agent, hitherto carried on at No. 136, Pitt-street, by the late Mr. W. F. CAPE, will in future be carried on at the same office by the undersigned, in his own name.
H. A. CAPE.
Sydney, 7th December, 1874.

TENDERS.

TENDERS will be received until January 1, for cementing and colouring store in Clarence-street. Plans and specifications to be seen at T. SAYWELL'S, Park-street.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS will be received on 28th for alterations to a shop in Oxford-street. Plans and specifications at my Office, 130, Pitt-street, Terry's-chambers.
W. BOLES, Architect.

TO MASONS.—TENDERS wanted for the erection of a Rubble Wall. For particulars apply to Mr. J. B. HOARE, corner of Nelson and Piper streets, Woollahra, before 9 o'clock in the morning, or after 6 in the evening.

EIGHT-HOUR DEMONSTRATION takes place on January 18th, 1875.—Required, the services of a BAND of not less than 12 performers, to supplement the Naval Brigade Band during the procession only. Tenders sent to Rowe's Hyde Park Hotel by January the 5th.
WM. YOUNG, Secretary.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS are invited by the 9th January next, for the Erection of three first-class RESIDENCES in Kent-street. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. The works may be tendered for as follows:—
1. Excavation, drainage, masonry and brickwork, in one sum.
2. Carpenters and joiners' work, and finishing trades, in one sum.
3. The whole in one sum.
4. Or each trade separately. For plans and specifications, apply at our offices, 39 and 41, New Pitt-street North.
HALLEN and MAY, Architects and Surveyors.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS are required by the 11th proximo, for the Erection of two seven-roomed DWELLINGS in Kent-street. Lowest tender not necessarily accepted, and may be tendered for thus:—
1. Excavation, masonry, drainage, and brickwork.
2. Carpenters' and joiners' work, and finishing.
3. The whole in one sum.
For particulars, apply at our offices, 39 and 41, New Pitt-street North.
HALLEN and MAY, Architects and Surveyors, &c.

NOTICE TO STONEMASONS, CARPENTERS, &c., &c.—TENDERS are invited for the ERECTION of a Public School and Teacher's Residence, at Gerringong.
Plan and Specification may be seen on application to the undersigned, to whom tenders may be sent, on or before 14th January, 1875.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
JAMES WILSON, Secretary.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS required for Enlargement of St. Mark's Church, Picton. Work to be tendered for as under:—
1. Mason's work.
2. Carpenter's and joiner's work, and all finishing trades.
3. Or the whole in one tender.
Plans and specifications to be seen at Mr. FIELDHOUSE'S, Picton.
Tenders to be sent to Rev. S. FOX, Picton, on or before the 29th instant.

TO CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS.—TENDERS required for making up garments (men and boys'). Tenderers must submit sample garments in each class of work as standard garments. Conditions may be seen at office of A. M'ARTHUR and CO., York-street. Tenders will be received up to Tuesday, 29th current.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS for a Shop and Dwelling House, in Parramatta-street, will be received up to 30th instant. For drawings and specifications apply to Mr. J. J. DAVEY, Architect, Bell's-chambers, Pitt-street.

TO MASONS.—TENDERS will be received up to 31st December, for the foundation work of new Wesleyan Church at Paddington.
Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of
Mr. THOMAS ROWE, Architect,
Vickery's-chambers, Pitt-street.

SEPARATE TENDERS are invited for the Carpenters and Bricklayer's Work of two Houses, at Petersham. S. FILE, Crystal-street, near the Railway Station.

EDUCATIONAL.

ARGYLE SCHOOL, FOR YOUNG LADIES, 413, Crown-street, Surry Hills.
Conducted by Miss E. C. BAXTER.
The ensuing quarter will commence January 11, 1875.

CAMDEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, NEWTOWN, SYDNEY.
COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE:

Rev. Thomas Johnson, chairman	Hon. Thomas Holt, Esq., M.L.C.
John Fairfax, Esq., treasurer	Rev. G. G. Howden
Josiah Mullens, Esq., hon. secretary	Hon G. A. Lloyd, Esq., M.L.A.
Edward Arnold, Esq.	Rev. D. Mossop
Alfred Fairfax, Esq.	Robert Saddington, Esq.
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PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL AND RESIDENT CHAPLAIN:
Rev. Joseph Masters, M.A.
HEAD MASTER:
John Mackintosh, Esq., M.A.
THIRD MASTER:
A. G. Gibbes, Esq., B.A.
PROFESSORS:
German, Mr. Alexander Rea; French, Mr. C. Petschler; Drawing, Mr. J. Fowles; Instrumental Music, Mr. Alexander Rea; Drilling, Mr. W. P. Mulholland.

The Council of Camden College beg to inform their friends that the Rev. R. N. Morris has resigned his position as Principal of the School on account of ill-health, and that they have appointed the Rev. Joseph Masters in his stead.
The testimonials at foot lead the Council to believe that under the management of this gentleman the School will maintain its character as one of the leading Educational Institutions of the colony.
During the past year, out of ten pupils who went up to the Civil Service and University School Examinations, nine have passed.
Mrs. Masters will superintend the domestic arrangements.
There will be several vacancies for resident pupils in the ensuing year. School duties will be resumed on Monday, the 17th January, 1875.
J. MULLENS,
Honorary Secretary, Camden College.

TESTIMONIALS.
From the Rev. A. Gosman, Professor of English Language and Literature, and Mental and Moral Philosophy Congregational College of Victoria.
Congregational Parsonage,
St. Kilda, November 28th, 1874.
The Rev. Joseph Masters, M.A., is well known to me, and I have very much pleasure in bearing testimony to his scholarly attainments, and to his unexceptional character. The degree of M.A., which he holds from the University of Melbourne, is in itself a sufficient guarantee of his scholarship; but the value of that degree is very much enhanced by the fact that Mr. Masters, during his University course, never failed to pass in any of the preliminary examinations required for that degree. In addition to his University work, he had at the same time to pursue his studies as a ministerial student in the Congregational College of Victoria, and as one of the tutors of that college, I need only say that he was always very careful in his preparation; and that his examination papers were unusually accurate and full.
As a man he enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him. His appointment to the office of Principal of Camden College School has given great satisfaction to his friends, who believe that the Council could not have made a better selection in the interests of that institution.
ALEXANDER GOSMAN.

Congregational College of Victoria,
November 26th, 1874.
To the Board of Camden College, Sydney.
Gentlemen,—I offer you my sincere congratulations on your choice of the Rev. Joseph Masters, M.A., as Principal of your School. I have known Mr. Masters for many years, and had numerous opportunities of observing his skill and aptitude as a public teacher before he entered our College as a student for the Ministry. At our College the facility with which he saw through our curriculum, and his scholarly attainments in all our branches of study, marked him out as a man of more than ordinary literary ability. His career at the Melbourne University was equally creditable, and enabled him without any break to reach the position of Master of Arts. I do not doubt but that under Mr. Masters, Camden College School will flourish, and that he will inspire his pupils with a healthy literary ambition, and in his character will exhibit the traits of a true Christian gentleman.
(Signed) WILLIAM ROBERT FLETCHER, M.A.,
London and Melbourne.
Professor of Biblical Exegesis and Church History in the Congregational College of Victoria.

EDUCATIONAL.—LADIES' SCHOOL, GOULBURN, conducted by Miss SWEETING (lately from England). Vacancies for BOARDERS. Referees: The Very Rev. W. Sowerby, Dean of Goulburn; the Venerable A. T. Puddicombe, Archdeacon of Goulburn.
Terms on application, Mr. THEOP. KIRKE, Stationer, Auburn-street, Goulburn.

FRENCH TUITION.—Apply to E. M., French Consulate Office, George-street.

LADIES' DAY SCHOOL, 157, Phillip-street.—The duties of the above Seminary will (D.V.) be resumed on WEDNESDAY, 27th January. Mrs. GREENLAND hopes that her pupils will assemble on the appointed day.

LADIES' INSTITUTE.—Miss BAYLIS, Riviere House, Piper-street, Woollahra, has room for additional pupils. The salubrity of the situation, the comforts of the house, and the extent of the grounds make it a desirable home for young ladies from the country, whilst the careful supervision which will be exercised, and the course of instruction given by the Directress and assistant masters will ensure an education in all points befitting the daughters of gentlemen. Prospectuses can be had at Kelly's, bookseller, George-street, and all particulars obtained from Miss Baylis, Riviere House.

THE KING'S SCHOOL.
Mr. WILLIAM DALMAS will have vacancies for a few Boarders after the Christmas vacation. For terms, &c., apply on or after 10th January, 1875, Norfolk House, Parramatta.

MRS. PILLARS, assisted by the Rev. JAMES PILLARS, B.A., educates a limited number of YOUNG LADIES. Prospectus on application,
1, Hyde Park-terrace.

PADDINGTON HOUSE BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL.
Messrs. CHAS. R. ORD, LL.B., and GEORGE BUTTERFIELD (successors to Dr. Stanley) are prepared to receive a limited number of Boarders and Day Pupils, to whose personal comfort and mental training they will devote careful attention.
References permitted to Professor Pell, Canon Stephen, M.A. Revs. Z. Barry, LL.D.; John Graham, and W. J. Gunther, M.A. Dr. Moffit, J. D. Sly, LL.D.; Andrew Garran, LL.D.; Hon. J. B. Watt, Hon. G. A. Lloyd, Revs. James Greenwood, M.A., and J. G. Fraser, M.A.; Randolph Nott, Esq., Samuel Bennett, Esq., Howard Reed, Esq., Henry Prince, Esq.
Studies will be resumed on 18th January.

SINGING.—Mrs. ARCHIBALD HAMILTON gives LESSONS at 166, Alberto-terrace.

SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Mrs. RICHARDSON continues to receive young Gentlemen as BOARDERS, to attend the Sydney Grammar School, and, having taken St. Kilda House, Woolloomooloo, will have VACANCIES after the present vacation. A private Tutor will superintend the preparation of lessons. References: Dr. Badham, W. B. Dalley, Esq., A. B. Weigall, Esq. Terms, and all particulars, on application to Mrs. RICHARDSON, 125, Lankelly-terrace, Macleay-street, Sydney.

TUITION during the vacation.—Mr. MILLS is prepared to receive Pupils. Arundel-terrace, Glebe.

THE LADIES' COLLEGE, Ashfield.—Principal—Mrs. BARRY. The best professors in attendance.

THE MISSES HARDIE, Shirley, Edgecliff Road, Double Bay.—The Christmas vacation will terminate on WEDNESDAY, January 27th.

THE SCHOOL, THROSBY PARK, SUTTON FOREST.
The Christmas Vacation will commence on the 14th instant, and terminate January 23rd.
To facilitate the arrangement of dormitories, &c., the Head Master will feel obliged by receiving early communications from parents of intending pupils.
H. E. SOUTHEY,
(Late Demy of Magdalen College, Oxford.)

TUTORIAL INSTITUTE for Pupils attending the Sydney Grammar School, 2, Victoria-terrace, Victoria-street, Darlinghurst.
Sanctioned by
the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales.
Director: Rev. JAMES B. LAUGHTON, B.A.
The above establishment will be ready, D.V., for the reception of pupils after the Midsummer vacation. The premises, No. 2, Victoria-terrace, Victoria-street, are airy and highly commodious, and within a convenient distance of the Grammar School.
The pupils, of whom only a limited number can be received, will enjoy all the comforts of home, with moral supervision, assistance in preparation of lessons, and religious instruction. Washing and every requisite will be provided.
Pupils not belonging to the Presbyterian Church will be allowed to attend such places of worship as their parents may direct.
Cards of terms and every information may be obtained on application to Mr. LAUGHTON; or to A. B. WEIGALL, Esq., Headmaster of the Grammar School, to whom reference is kindly permitted.
Parramatta, December 12, 1874.

DANCING.—Mr. J. HALL'S Classes, THIS EVENING, Assembly Rooms, Oddfellows' Hall, Sussex-st.

DANCING.—Mr. W. KING'S CLASS, THIS EVENING, New Oddfellows' Hall, Elizabeth-st.

STOCK, SHARES, AND MONEY.

MONEY. MONEY. MONEY. MONEY ON EASY TERMS.
LONDON LOAN and DISCOUNT SOCIETY, 125, Elizabeth-street South, next St. James's School.
FIRST ESTABLISHED IN SYDNEY.
Money advanced in sums varying from £5 to £1000 on security of two responsible householders, to be repaid by weekly instalments. The advance guaranteed within twenty-four hours.
☞ ARRANGEMENTS can be made for MONTHLY or QUARTERLY payments.
BILLS OF SALE ON FURNITURE, without possession.
ADVANCES MADE upon mortgage, deposit of deeds merchandise, bonded certificates, or any other tangibl security.
Good TRADE BILLS discounted at SLIGHT advance upon BANK RATES.
Forms may be had gratis.

MONEY.—NATIONAL LOAN and DISCOUNT COMPANY
Offices—51, Hunter-street.
SUMS of £10 to £10,000 can be obtained on PERSONAL OR OTHER SECURITY, repayable by weekly, monthly, or quarterly instalments.
ADVANCES made upon personal security, mortgage, deposit of deeds (freehold or leasehold), bills of sale, merchandise, bonded certificates, stocks and shares, &c.
LEGACIES, BEQUESTS, and REVERSIONARY INTERESTS, either in the colonies, Great Britain, or elsewhere, purchased or advanced upon.
GOOD TRADE BILLS discounted at slight advance upon BANK RATES.
NO BILLS RE-DISCOUNTED.
Forms and all information can be obtained gratuitously at the Company's Offices. Hours, 9 to 5. Saturdays, 9 to 1.

MONEY.
REAL and PERSONAL ADVANCE COMPANY.
Offices, 6, Bligh-street, opposite the Turkish Baths.
This Company is formed with the object of employing its capital in making immediate CASH advances, from £5 to £1000, to respectable persons on their own note of hand, on furniture (without removal or possession), trade stock, reversions, deposit of deeds, or life policies, cabs, and all kinds of vehicles at low interest, for any period, to be repaid by easy instalments to suit the borrowers' own convenience. Bills discounted. Tradesmen or persons in want of temporary accommodation can obtain all information necessary gratuitously, by applying personally or by letter, to the MANAGER.

MONEY.
MERCANTILE LOAN and DISCOUNT COMPANY.,
98, Elizabeth-street, next Brigade Office.
The proprietors of this Company are prepared to offer advantages to persons in want of accommodation.
Sums of £5 to £10,000 advanced on deposit of DEEDS, either Freehold or Leasehold, Bills of Lading, Bonded Certificates, Shares, Insurance Policies, or any other tangible security.
☞ GOOD TRADE BILLS discounted DAILY at slight ADVANCE on BANKING RATES. The utmost privacy can be assured, and all transactions held strictly confidential.
BILLS OF SALE on FURNITURE (without possession.)
MONEY advanced upon PERSONAL OR OTHER SECURITY repayable by weekly, monthly, or quarterly instalments.
ALL TRANSACTIONS ENTERTAINED, and advances made without delay, if the security be approved of.

MONEY. MONEY. MONEY. MONEY ON EASY TERMS.
MUTUUM LOAN and DISCOUNT OFFICE,
42, HUNTER STREET,
OPPOSITE THE UNION BANK.
Money in sums of £5 to £5000, to male or female, in town or country, on note of hand, stock-in-trade, crops, farm stock, or to assist persons to take a business. Loans to any amount on furniture, without removal, law costs, or publicity; also on deposit of deeds, bonds, shares, reversions, &c. Mortgages to any amount on freehold and leasehold property. Bills discounted, interest from 5 PER CENT.
N.B.—This being a genuine office for all mercantile monetary transactions, borrowers will do well to apply and consult the Manager, 42, Hunter-street.

£2000 TO LEND on Mortgage, in one or more sums. Address B. A., Post Office, Box 243.

£3000 IN two equal sums; also £1100 to Lend upon City or Suburban Freeholds at 6 per cent. Apply to T. F. JACKSON, House, Land, Estate, and Commission agent, Hunter and Geo. sts.

£5000 TO LEND, town or country. W. DOUGLASS, 434, George-street.

£5000 TO LEND, in one or more sums. T. Read, 166, King-street, Sydney.

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ELECTION MEETINGS.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF THE HAWKESBURY.—GENERAL ELECTION.
NOTICE is hereby given that a Public MEETING of the Electors of the above-named Electoral District will be held at noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd of December instant, at the Court-house, Windsor, for the Nomination and Election of two Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales for the Electoral District of the Hawkesbury. In the event of more candidates being proposed than the number of members to be returned, and a poll demanded, the polling will take place on MONDAY, the 28th day of December instant, at the following polling-places:—
At Windsor, the Court-house
Richmond, School of Arts
Enfield, next to the Wesleyan Chapel
North Kurrajong, Ducker's Stores
Howe's Valley, Post-office
St. Alban's, Court-house
Wiseman's Ferry, opposite to Black's Inn
Mouth of Colo, Henry Everingham's
Wilberforce, next the Old Pound Yard
Pitt Town, Post-office
Box Hill, Rummery's
White Heart, Windsor Road, Turner's.
JAS. B. JOHNSTON,
Returning-Officer for the Hawkesbury.
Windsor, December 14, 1874.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF CAMDEN
NOTICE is hereby given that a Public MEETING of the Electors of the above mentioned Electoral District will be held at noon, on THURSDAY, the 31st day of December instant, at the Court-house, Berrima, for the Nomination and Election of two Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, for the Electoral District of Camden. In the event of more candidates being proposed than the number required, and a poll demanded, the polling will take place on MONDAY, the 4th day of January, 1875, at the following places:—
Camden, Berrima, Picton, The Oaks, Burragorang, Murrimba, Wilton, Sutton Forest, Nattai, Moss Vale, Burrawang, Menangle, Kangaroo Valley, Kangaloon, Theresa Park, East Kangaloon, Paddy's Swamp (near Mulgoa Forest), and Bowral.
The polling will commence at 8 a.m., and close at 4 p.m.
JOHN WILD, Returning-officer.
Vanderville, 4th December, 1874.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF CANTERBURY.
GENERAL ELECTION, 1874.
NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC MEETING of the Electors of the abovenamed Electorate will be held at noon on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of December instant, at ASHFIELD, for the nomination and election of two Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales for the abovenamed Electoral District of Canterbury.
In the event of more than two Candidates being proposed, and a poll demanded, the Polling will take place on MONDAY, the 28th day of December instant, commencing at 8 o'clock, a.m. and closing at 4 o'clock p.m., at the following places:—

ASHFIELD	Hustings
CANTERBURY	Post-office
BURWOOD	Old Congregational Church
PETERSHAM	Clarke's Cottage, opposite Balmain Road
WAVERLEY	Council Chambers
RANDWICK	Council Chambers
BOTANY CROSS ROADS	Botany School of Arts
Gannon's Forest	Blue Post
Cook's River Dam	Cottage near Mr. Gannon's
Alexandria	Council Chambers
Sydney	Central Police Court
St. Peters, Cook's River	Council Chambers
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Rocky Point Head	Cottage next Racecourse
South Head	House next Gap Hotel
Marrickville	Council Chambers
Balmain Road, near Glebe Island	Building, near White Bay Hotel
Liverpool Road, near junction of Punchbowl Road	Cottage near Woodcutters' Arms.

JOHN POPE, Returning-officer.
Ashfield, 21st December, 1874.

ELECTORS OF CANTERBURY.—Mr. RICHARD HILL will have much pleasure in meeting the Electors at Mr. Priggins's, Waterloo Retreat, Botany Road, Waterloo, THIS EVENING, at 8 o'clock.
Mr. HILL invites all interested, who can then conveniently attend, to come and hear from him a full explanation of his political views; and as, from the very great extent of the electorate, he has not had the opportunity of personally visiting as many of the electors as he wished to do, and as many could not, through the oppressive heat of the weather, attend the nomination, Mr. Hill is most anxious that all should clearly understand the principles upon which he has hitherto acted, and by which he will be hereafter guided should he have the distinguished honour of again being returned as a representative of the people in the Legislative Assembly.
As the place of meeting hereby fixed is considered by many of the oldest residents in the electorate as the most central, and more easily accessible than any other that could be named, it is hoped that all who feel an interest in the contest now going on will give the favour of their attendance, and hear and decide for themselves.

CENTRAL CUMBERLAND.
Mr. JOSEPH WEARNE will meet the Electors of Central Cumberland as follows:—On SATURDAY, 26th December—
BANKSTOWN, at 7 o'clock,
IRISHTOWN, at 8 o'clock, and at
PARRAMATTA, on MONDAY EVENING, 28th December, at 8 o'clock; also, in all the various parts of the Electorate, due notice of which will be given in future advertisements.

CENTRAL CUMBERLAND ELECTION.
Messrs. LACKEY and BYRNES will meet the electors at the following places, at 8 p.m.:—
PENNANT HILLS.—On Monday, the 28th, at Mr. Smith's.
DURAL.—On Tuesday, the 29th, at Mr. Hunt's.
HENRY T. JONES, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL CUMBERLAND.
Mr. RAVEN will hold MEETINGS and address the electors—
On MONDAY EVENING, 28th December, at Smithfield; TUESDAY EVENING, 29th December, at Court-house, Liverpool.

ELECTORS OF CANTERBURY.
VOTE for Mr. PIGOTT, an independent candidate, who has not BUNCHED, and will not BUNCH.
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BE EARLY AT THE POLL.

ELECTORATE OF CANTERBURY.
Mr. PIGOTT will address the ELECTORS at the Pier Hotel, WATSON'S BAY, THIS DAY, the 26th instant, at half-past 2 o'clock; and on same evening at 8 o'clock, at Neich's Hotel, Burwood.

A MEETING of Mr. PIGOTT'S Committee will be held at the Tea Gardens, Waverley, THIS (Saturday) EVENING, at half-past 8 o'clock.
WILLIAM JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.

CANTERBURY ELECTION.—I have not bunched, and no person has any right to couple my name (in the Press) with any other candidate.
JOHN LUCAS.

BOROUGH COUNCIL NOTICES.

BOROUGH OF BALMAIN.—NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS.—Notice is hereby given that Distress Warrants will be issued, without respect to persons, for the recovery of all rates remaining unpaid after the 1st January next.
By order of the Mayor.
JAMES ROBY, Council Clerk and Surveyor.
Council Chambers, Darling-street,
23rd December 1874.

LECTURES.

LECTURE, by Claud Rodgers, United Temperance Hall, corner Pitt and Bathurst sts., 7 p.m., Sunday.

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Just opened some very choice Summer Tweeds, new designs, and can be made up at very reasonable prices. It is only necessary to say, that gentlemen leaving their order at
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Boys and Youths' Clothing ready made or to measure, a large stock our own make, shrunk.

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AT 360, LIVERPOOL-STREET, corner of Dowling-street, Darlinghurst.

On TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29th,
at 11 o'clock.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE of Elegant Household Furniture and Effects
BRILLIANT-TONED Cottage Pianoforte, by Cadby
OIL PAINTINGS, Engravings
Electroplated Ware and Cutlery, by the best makers.

JOHN B. LAVERACK has received instructions to sell by public auction, on the premises, junction of Liverpool and Dowling streets,
The whole of the household furniture and effects.
On view on Monday afternoon.
Particulars in Monday's HERALD.

Under a Bill of Sale.

A Six-roomed House of Furniture, removed from Newtown.

MORRIS ASHER will sell by auction on MONDAY next, at his Mart, Pitt and Park streets,
A superior lot of household furniture, consisting of horsehair couches and chairs, table, chiffonieres, safe, washstand, and sets, bedsteads and bedding, cooking utensils, tubs, buckets, &c.
Goods received for Monday's sale up to 10 o'clock on day of sale.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTICE
The AUCTION SALE of
CHINESE and JAPANESE GOODS,
ex NORMANBY, will be CONTINUED
on TUESDAY NEXT, the 29th instant.
Also, SILKS, FANS, and CAMPHOR-WOOD DRAWERS, same day.
BENJAMIN BRAUN and CO.,
Auctioneers.

Important to Dray Proprietors, Contractors, and Others.

THOMAS DAWSON has received instructions from the Sydney United Dray Company to sell by auction, on the premises of Mr. Adam Johnston, 31, Riley-street, Woolloomooloo, on SATURDAY, 2nd January, 1875, at 11 o'clock,
The entire plant of the Sydney United Dray Co., consisting of horses, trollies, drays, vans, harness, tarpaulins, patent blocks, pullies, and stable requisites.
Also,
Maize, hay, office furniture, &c., &c.
The above stock of heavy horses have been working in the drays, &c., of the Company, and can be recommended as thoroughly quiet and staunch.

G. M. PITT and SON have received instructions from Messrs. Dight and Yeomans, to sell by auction, on MONDAY next, the 28th instant, at the Homebush Yards, at 11 o'clock,
200 prime fat cattle, in lots, from their noted Gilgoin station.

G. M. PITT and SON have received instructions from F. Hughes, Esq., to sell by auction, on MONDAY next, the 28th instant, at the Homebush Yards, at 11 o'clock,
150 prime fat bullocks, in lots.

G. M. PITT and SON have received instructions from F. Brown, Esq., to sell by auction, on MONDAY next, the 28th instant, at the Homebush Yards, at 11 o'clock,
2000 prime fat wethers, in lots, from Cliff's famous Breeza station.

To Carriage Proprietors, Speculators, and others.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from Messrs. Mathew, Brothers, to sell by auction, on the premises, 216, Macquarie-street, top of Hunter-street, on WEDNESDAY, 30th December, at half-past 2 o'clock,
The whole of their plant, consisting of—
5 close carriages
2 open ditto
8 horses
4 sets of double harness
Stable utensils, forage, furniture, &c., &c.
Also the good-will of the business and premises.
The above old-established business is in the market for positive sale, in consequence of a dissolution of partnership, and is a rare opportunity for anyone on the look-out for a lucrative business.

Important Sale of
THOROUGHBRED HORSES, &c.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from his Honor Mr. Justice Cheeke to sell by auction, at VARROVILLE, the first week in January, 1875 (due notice of the day in future advertisements),
The following thoroughbred MARES, ENTIRES, and GELDINGS:—
GELDINGS, 4 to 6 YEARS OLD.
1. FITZAVON, dam ZOE.
2. BROWN GELDING, dam JESSINA.
3. BAY GELDING, dam NANFAN.
4. BAY GELDING, dam STAYLACE.
5. BAY GELDING, dam NANFAN.
Sire SIR PATRICK, by WHALEBONE, dam INDUSTRY.

ENTIRES, TWO YEARS' OLD.
1. BLACK COLT, dam WHALEBONE mare.
2. BROWN COLT, dam MARIAN.
3. BAY COLT, dam ARAB MARE.
Sire, MILLIONAIRE, imported.

Brood mares, 6 years and aged,
by MAGUS, WHALEBONE, KELPIE, and SIR PATRICK.

yearling fillies by KINGSTON, imported.

1 yearling filly, also by Kingston, from the above mares.

At the same time will be sold
3 hackneys
6 cows and 2 working bullocks.
All the young horses have been handled, but none broken.

At "THE BAZAAR," Pitt and Castlereagh streets,
1 brougham
1 dogcart
1 mail phaeton
Harness and sundries.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN have received instructions to sell by auction, at Homebush, on MONDAY, the 28th December, at 11 o'clock,
1000 prime fat wethers.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN have received instructions from John Arndell, Esq., to sell by auction, at Homebush, on MONDAY, 28th December, at 11 o'clock,
1600 prime and weighty fat wethers.

Fat Sheep.

MAIDEN, HILL, and CO. have received instructions from L. F. Iredale, Esq. to sell by auction, at Homebush, on MONDAY next, at 11 o'clock,
1800 prime fat wedders, fully 60 lbs. each.

PURE BRED CATTLE.

G. N. GRIFFITHS has been instructed by C. H. E. Chauvel, Esq., to sell by public auction, at Wooller's Yards, Pitt-street,
On THURSDAY, 31st DECEMBER, at 2 p.m.,
the following pure bred shorthorn bulls, from his celebrated herd:—
LOTHAIR, white; calved 30th September, 1872; by Royal Duke (248); dam, Marchioness, by Saladin
PRINCE, rich roan; calved 10th April, 1873; by Young Chancellor (316); dam, Snowflake, by Prince Alfred (208)
BAKER, white; calved 2nd April, 1874; by Young Chancellor, (316); dam Dahlia, by Young Norfolk (321)
PRIAM, roan; calved 3rd April, 1873; by Prince of Prussia (216); dam, Lady Pagan, by Young Norfolk (321)
KING FROST, white; calved April, 1873; by Young Praetor (322); dam by Prince Alfred (208)
GERMAN, red and white; calved 29th March, 1873; by Royal Gwynne (249); dam Popsey, by Young Norfolk (321)
EMPEROR, rich roan; calved 18th April, 1873; by Royal Gwynne (249); dam Sprite, by Young Norfolk (321)
LAWYER, roan spot; calved September, 1873; by Royal Gwynne (249); dam Jersey 4th, by Young Chancellor (316)
BOATSWAIN, rich roan; calved June, 1873; by Royal Gwynne (249); dam by Strathden (284)
SAILOR, red roan with white; calved September, 1873; by Royal Gwynne (249); dam by Young Norfolk (321)
IMPERIAL WINDSOR, red and white; calved October, 1873; by Regal Windsor (29765); dam Edith 1st, by Royal Duke (248)
BEACON, dark red; calved April 4, 1873; by Kildonan (131); dam Oleander, by Prince Alfred (208)
DUKE OF ESKDALE, red and white; calved 20th December, 1873; by Lord Eskdale (29101); dam Snowey, by Archduke (9)
BARON ESKDALE, red and white; calved 2nd January, 1874; by Lord Eskdale (29101); dam Orange Blossom, by Prince of Prussia (216).
Also, the following pure-bred Hereford bulls:—
DRYDEN, red, white face; calved 30th December, 1873; by Prince of the Lillies (41); dam Tocal, by The Captain (1409)
KNIGHT OF THE LILLIES, red, white face; calved 20th December, 1873; by Prince of the Lillies (41); dam by King of the Herefords
Also, the following pure bred shorthorn heifers:—
BEAUTIFUL 2ND, rich roan; calved 16th May, 1873; by Young Chancellor (616); dam, Beautiful; by Prince Alfred (208)
MAYDUKE LILY, white; calved 27th November, 1873; by Grand Duke of Fawsley (28755); dam, Mayduke Cherry; by Young Norfolk (321)
BOADICEA 5TH, light roan; calved 10th January, 1874; by Earl of Windermere (76); dam, Boadicea 2nd; by Young Chancellor (316)
These three heifers were served by Master Fox, imported (166), son of the celebrated Royal Windsor, and full brother to Clarence Gem.
For further particulars apply to
G. N. GRIFFITHS, 271, George-street.

GREAT SALE OF PURE-BRED STOCK.

SECOND ANNUAL SALE of the
GREYSTANES PURE STOCK.
ONE HUNDRED HEAD of PURE and WELL-BRED SHORTHORN and DEVON CATTLE, including all the GREYSTANES STOCK intended for EXHIBITION.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN have been instructed by WALTER LAMB, Esq., to sell by public auction, at GREYSTANES, near PARRAMATTA, on WEDNESDAY, 13th January, at 12 o'clock,
ONE HUNDRED HEAD of PURE and WELL-BRED SHORTHORN and DEVON CATTLE, as under:—
IMPERIAL PURPLE 34th, calved 6th January, 1873.
This bull is full brother to Mr. Woodhouse's prize bull IMPERIAL PURPLE, and Messrs. Bell and Sons' CHAMPION COW OF QUEENSLAND, PRINCESS PURPLE 8th
IMPERIAL PURPLE 29th, calved 11th July, 1872
IMPERIAL PURPLE 33rd, calved 28th March, 1873
IMPERIAL PURPLE 35th, calved 9th November, 1873
IMPERIAL PURPLE 36th, calved 23rd October, 1873
IMPERIAL PURPLE 37th, calved 11th March, 1874
PRINCESS PURPLE 24th, calved 3rd January, 1874.
This heifer is from the same dam as Mr. Woodhouse's prize bull
IMPERIAL PURPLE 9th
PRINCESS PURPLE 25th, calved 19th April, 1874
MINERVA, Devon heifer, calved 15th September, 1873.
The above, if purchased, can remain at Greystanes until the exhibition is held.

PRINCE, calved 6th November, 1872
CONQUEROR, Devon bull, calved November, 1861, and is the WINNER OF 17 PRIZES
12 SHORTHORN BULLS, from 12 to 16 months old; by IMPERIAL PURPLE 17th, from cows bred at Goongra (EX), by Messrs. Chisholm, Lethbridge, Caldwell, &c.
12 DEVON BULLS, from 10 to 15 months old, chiefly by CONQUEROR and the IMPORTED bull CORRECTOR
15 PURE-BRED COWS and HEIFERS
15 WELL-BRED SHORTHORN HEIFERS, 1 to 2 years old
15 HEIFERS, 2 years old, by well-bred bull
15 HEIFERS, 1 year old, by ditto
5 DEVON HEIFERS, 1 year old, chiefly by the prize bull CONQUEROR.

Catalogues of full particulars may be had on application to HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Sydney.

AUCTION NOTICE.—LAND AT NORWOOD.

W. PRITCHARD has received instructions from John Neville, Esq., to sell by public auction, on the ground, as soon as the land is surveyed and subdivided, on an early day in January, about 7 acres of choice Building Sites. This unexceptionable; no reserve; terms most liberal.

IMPORTANT SALE of the HIGHEST PRIZE-TAKING STRAINS of SHORTHORN CATTLE IN VICTORIA.

RICHARD GIBSON and CO. beg to announce that they have received instructions from the well-known breeder of shorthorns, Mr. Richard Morton, to sell by public auction, without any reserve, at Skelmergh-hall, Kyneton, in February next, upon a day to be named,
40 head of bulls, cows, and heifers, from his Mount Derrimut herd of pure shorthorns, all of surpassing excellence and undoubted English pedigrees.
All got by and in calf to the imported sires Earl of Geneva (31,068), Oxford Cherry Duke (32,016), or by other favourite imported sires, and from dams the progeny of the most valuable blood obtainable in England, their extended pedigrees being recorded in Coates's "English Herd Book," the whole comprising a portion of each family of which this famous herd is now composed. Amongst them will be found some of the choicest of show specimens, having grand style, with hair and touch of rare quality, concentrating in a pre-eminent degree the very best of shorthorn strains in England or America, many of which have already advanced, and are likely to still further advance, the undeniable lead that this herd has always maintained in the show yards of New South Wales as well as Victoria, the high average made by the young bulls sold during the last 12 months—viz., £675 8s 4d—at once stamping it as second to no other herd in the Australian colonies.
At Mr. Cheney's sale in England, in September last, a half-sister to the Earl of Geneva (31,068), when 14 months old, realized 1785 guineas, being the highest price ever obtained by public auction in Great Britain; and at Lord Bective's last sale Cherry Queen, when under two years old, made 1220 guineas. This animal is of the same family as Oxford Cherry Duke (32,016), and her sire is half-brother to the well-known Duke of Brunswick (25,937) lately used in this herd. At the Duke of Devonshire's sale, in the same month, Baroness Oxford III., under 10 months, sold for 1100 guineas, she being out of a half-sister to the Duke of Brunswick (25,937), and her dam and the sire of Oxford Cherry Duke are from that celebrated cow Lady Oxford V., whose name is a household word in England.
Nearly all of the young stock now offered are the get of the above sires, to whom the cows are also in calf, which with the heifers are in fine healthy breeding order; and as this sale is, according to Mr. Morton's usual custom, an absolute and unreserved one, the agents can with confidence state that never has so large a distribution of such high-class sires and dams taken place before in the history of colonial shorthorns; and it will afford an unprecedented opportunity to other breeders of securing animals unsurpassed for breeding and quality.
Catalogues, with full pedigrees, can be shortly obtained from the agents, at 66, Queen-street, Melbourne; or from Mr. MORTON, at Skelmergh Hall, Kyneton, who will have much pleasure in giving every facility for inspecting the stock up to the day of sale.

G. N. GRIFFITHS has been instructed by W. Brown, Esq., to sell by public auction, at Wooller's Yards, Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 31st December, at 3 p.m.,
3 highly-bred Durham bulls, viz.:—
1 ROAN BULL, 2½ years old.
Sire, *Scotch Jack, by imported bull.
Dam, Osborne cow, by imported bull.
This bull's dam was the first prize cow at Kiama show last year.
1 ROAN BULL, 2 years and 4 months old.
Sire, *Scotch Jack—dam, a cow by imported bull.
1 ROAN BULL, 2 years old.
Sire, Nonsuch, bred by Mr. Lee.
Dam, a Johnstone bred cow, from imported stock.
*Scotch Jack is the winner of all first prizes at the Dapto and Kiama shows, beating a large number of bulls.
For further particulars apply to
G. N. GRIFFITHS, 271, George-street.

10,000 HEAD OF CATTLE.

GREAT CATTLE STATION SALE, MILTON.

PORT CURTIS DISTRICT, QUEENSLAND.

MAIDEN, HILL, and CO. have received instructions from the executors of the late John A. Turner, to sell by auction, at their Rooms, 171, Pitt-street, on the 10th March, 1875, at 12 o'clock,
The extensive cattle station, Milton, comprising an area of 300,000 acres, and situate about 45 miles from Gladstone, and embraces the Valley of the Boyne River, for a distance of about 25 miles. The country is excellent pasture land, well watered by the intersection of the river and tributary creeks, and of eminently fattening quality.
The improvements on Milton are substantial and complete, comprising good homestead, kitchen, store, and outhouses, large stables, blacksmith's shop, huts, stockyards, and various paddocks. On the upper portion of the run, large and substantial yards have just been completed, and on the eastern side of the river a portion of the run is fenced off capable of carrying 2000 head of cattle, and with a trifling outlay, another large piece of country can be enclosed (estimated by the present manager, who has been there for 7 years, to fatten 2000 bullocks annually).
With this truly magnificent property will be sold—
10,000 head of cattle, more or less, originally branded D in diamond
A small stud herd
160 horses, three-quarter bred mares
50 saddle horses
the thoroughbred stallion Captain Cook.
This herd is unsurpassed in Queensland, having been managed from its formation by experienced breeders, who have spared neither trouble nor expense to raise it to the highest point of excellence by the careful selection of the ORIGINAL stock, and regular introduction of first-class bulls up to the present time. The stud herd will speak for itself, and from this out will be a great source of profit. The horse stock has also had great attention paid to it, with very satisfactory results. To those gentlemen who are in search of an investment of a profitable and permanent character, Milton affords an opportunity rarely submitted to public competition.
The Auctioneers specially invite inspection, otherwise it will be impossible to form an estimate of Milton's vast resources; and every facility will be given on application to
MAIDEN, HILL, and CO.,
171, Pitt-street.

P.S.—Plans of the above property can be seen at Messrs. R. Goldsbrough and Co., Melbourne; D. B. Morehead and Co., Brisbane; and at our Office.

Important Unreserved Sale.

To Furniture Dealers, Parties Furnishing, and others.

Double and single Tubular and other Bedsteads
Hair, Pulu, Fibre, Flock, and Flax Mattresses
Elegant Chairs, Couches, Chest Drawers, with a splendid lot of furniture of all kinds, really good and new.

MORRIS ASHER has been instructed by Messrs. Boon, Campbell, and Co. (in consequence of their giving up the retail trade and going into bedstead manufacturing) to sell by auction, on their premises, 569, George-street, on WEDNESDAY next, the 30th, at 11 o'clock sharp,
The whole of their varied stock of furniture, bedsteads, bedding, &c.
Every line will be sold without the slightest reserve, and the premises being let, all goods must be cleared away immediately after the sale.
Further particulars in a future issue.

Labour Bazaar, Pitt-street.

Monster Clearing-out Sale of Household Furniture, &c.

ALEXANDER MOORE and CO. will sell by public auction, on MONDAY, December 28, at 11 o'clock, at their Mart, Labour Bazaar, Pitt-street,
Superior household furniture and effects.
Terms, cash.

Preliminary Notice.

On WEDNESDAY, 30th December, at 11 o'clock.

At HAWTHORNDEN, EDGECLIFF ROAD, the residence of Major Roberts.

Highly Attractive Unreserved Sale by Auction of
THE WHOLE OF THE ELEGANT FURNITURE and EFFECTS
GLASSWARE, CHINAWARE, PLATEDWARE
ENGRAVINGS, OIL PAINTINGS, STATUETTES
VERY CHOICE STATUETTES UNDER SHADES
BRILLIANT - TONED WALNUT COTTAGE PIANOFORTE
HORSES, CARRIAGES, HARNESS, &c., &c.

To Gentlemen Furnishing, Cabinetmakers, Furniture Brokers, and others.

BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB have been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, at the residence of Major Roberts, Hawthornden, on WEDNESDAY, 30th December, at 11 o'clock,
The whole of the elegant furniture and effects.
Catalogues are in course of preparation.
Terms cash.

FINE COUNTER AND BRIGHT RATION SUGARS.
1100 BAGS.

For Positive Unreserved Auction Sale.
By order of the Consignees.

WEDNESDAY, 30th December.

BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB will sell by auction, at their Rooms, Pitt and O'Connell streets, on WEDNESDAY, 30th December, at 11 o'clock,
About 1100 bags fine light grainy counter and bright ration sugars.
Terms, liberal, at sale.

Groceries, Oilmen's Stores, Teas, &c.

BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB will sell by auction, at their Rooms, Pitt and O'Connell streets, on WEDNESDAY, 30th December, at 11 o'clock,
Parcels of groceries, oilmen's stores, jams, sardines, teas, sugars, and sundries.
Terms at sale.

To Boating Men, Boat Clubs, and others.

IMPORTANT SALE OF BOATS, THE PROPERTY OF THE LATE NEWCASTLE BOAT CLUB.
4 Light Cedar Varnished SKIFFS, 22 feet
3 ditto DINGIES
2 WAGER SKIFFS
10 Pairs SCULLS.

DAY OF SALE—THURSDAY, 31st December.

BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Rooms, Pitt and O'Connell streets, on THURSDAY, 31st December, at 11 o'clock,
The above first-class boats, of the late Newcastle Boat Club.
Terms at sale.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

TUESDAY, 5th January, at 11 a.m.

At PADDINGTON HOUSE, Paddington, the residence of Rev. Dr. STANLEY.

IMPORTANT SALE of the whole of the SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, SUPERB PIANOFORTE, VALUABLE 4-WHEEL COVERED SOCIABLE, HORSE, and EXCELLENT MILCH COW, &c.

BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB have been favoured with instructions from the Rev. Dr. Stanley, to sell by auction, at his residence, Paddington House, Paddington, on TUESDAY, 5th January, at 11 a.m.
The above.
Full particulars will duly appear.

MONDAY, 4th January, 1875, at 3 o'clock p.m.

ABSOLUTE AND UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, BRITISH COLUMBIAN TIMBER.

Entire cargo of the W. H. BESSE, just arrived from Burrard's Inlet, British Columbia, with the very best and most carefully-selected shipment of
PINE
ever imported into the Sydney market, comprising a CHOICE assortment of SQUARE TIMBER, ROUND SPARS, DECK PLANK, DEALS, SINGLE and DOUBLE DRESSED SHELVING, and TONGUED and GROOVED FLOORING, which will be offered for POSITIVE UNRESERVED SALE by AUCTION, alongside the Vessel on Circular Quay.

By order of Messrs. SMITH, BROTHERS, and CO.

The above cargo has been selected by Captain Besse to suit the requirements of this market, with which he is well acquainted.
The timber itself is of very long lengths, and suitable dimensions; is of good grain and free from knots—in fact, has not been equalled by any preceding shipment this year.

The Auctioneers beg to invite special inspection of the shipment by all Timber Merchants, Builders, Contractors, Shipbuilders, Exporters, and the trade generally.

CAREY, GILLES, and CO. have received instructions, from Messrs. SMITH, BROTHERS, and CO., to sell by public auction, on the Circular Quay, alongside the vessel, on MONDAY, 4th January, at 3 o'clock p.m.,
The entire cargo ex W. H. BESSE, now landing, of the finest assortment of carefully SELECTED BRITISH COLUMBIAN PINE, as under:—

Single Dressed.	Rough.
1 x 8 — 211 feet	5 x 8 — 213 feet
1 x 10—1696 „	6 x 6 — 777 „
1 x 14—3028 „	6 x 12—19,776 „
Double Dressed.	8 x 8 — 725 „
1 x 8 — 69 feet	8 x 16—11,946 „
1 x 10—5418 „	9 x 12—13,149 „
1 x 12—8648 „	10 x 10— 4,933 „
1 x 14—7537 „	12 x 12— 9,468 „
Rough.	12 x 18—20,160 „
2 x 6 —10,505 feet	14 x 14—21,854 „
3 x 6 —18,086 „	16 x 16—41,365 „
3 x 8 — 858 „	18 x 18—48,627 „
3 x 9 —31,341 „	20 x 20—39,633 „
3 x 10—14,407 „	22 x 22—11,635 „
3 x 11—46,105 „	T & G.
3 x 12—37,301 „	1 x 6 —17,576 feet
4 x 6 — 498 „	1 x 4 — 2,683 „
4 x 8 —10,982 „	1 x 5½— 5,323 „
4 x 10— 533 „	1 x 6 —74,107 „
4 x 11— 487 „	1¼ x 6 —15,163 „
4 x 12—12,484 „	Deck Plank.
5 x 5 — 83 „	3 x 6—7150 feet.

Continuation Sale of Gold Jewellery, Diamond Rings, &c., &c.

TUESDAY, December 29.

MR. CHARLES TEAKLE has been instructed to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 7, Wynyard-square, on TUESDAY next, at 11 o'clock,
Gold jewellery, &c., comprising—
Brooches, sets, lockets, ladies' rings, gold and silver watches, ladies and gent.'s chains and alberts, diamond rings, &c.
Details in future issue.

MELBOURNE-MADE CLOTHING.

WEDNESDAY, December 30th.

Ex Steamers You Yangs and Wentworth.

MR. CHARLES TEAKLE will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 7, Wynyard-street, on the above date, at 11 o'clock,
7 cases men's trousers and vests to match
Blue and black D.-B. paget and frock coats
Knickerbocker suits, &c., &c.
Particulars in future issue.

UNRESERVED SALE OF FELT HATS, from the well known firm of D. Oppenheimer and Co.

WEDNESDAY NEXT, December 30.

TO WHOLESALE WAREHOUSEMEN, CLOTHIERS AND OUTFITTERS, COUNTRY STOREKEEPERS, HATTERS, ISLAND AND QUEENSLAND BUYERS.

Now Landing ex SAMUEL PLIMSOLL.

MR. CHARLES TEAKLE has been favoured with instructions from Messrs. Montefiore, Joseph, and Co. to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 7, Wynyard-street, on the above day, at 11 o'clock,
13 CASES FELT HATS from the above manufacturer, comprising
SOFT FELTS SATIN BOUND 5 PIQUE, LOUIS XIV.
Ditto ditto ditto green under ditto Canadians, &c.
Full particulars in future issue.

COLONIAL SUGARS.

2768 MATS FINEST WHITE AND YELLOW COUNTERS.

For positive Sale,
at the City Mart, George-street, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at 11 o'clock.
Important to Grocers, Storekeepers, Country Buyers, Shippers, and others.

R. F. STUBBS and CO. have received instructions to sell by auction, at the City Mart, on WEDNESDAY, 30th instant, at 11 o'clock,
2768 mats superior colonial sugars, comprising finest white and yellow counter sugars.
Full particulars in a future issue.

LING FISH.
On account of whom it may concern.

R. F. STUBBS and CO. will sell by auction, at the City Mart, on WEDNESDAY, December 30, at 11 o'clock,
30 cases ling fish.
Terms, cash.

BURWOOD RAILWAY STATION.—
The few remaining
VALUABLE LOTS
IN THIS DELIGHTFUL SUBURB,
most eligibly situated
between the residence of
J. R. Bubb, Esq., and the
RAILWAY STATION,
will be sold by auction on
SATURDAY, JANUARY 2,
ON THE GROUND,
at 3 o'clock.

220 FEET DEPTHS,
33 FEET FRONTAGES.

ONLY 17 ALLOTMENTS LEFT.

FRONTING TWO STREETS.

NO RESERVE.

SURREY HILLS.

FOUR DWELLING-HOUSES, LITTLE ALBION-STREET, between Riley and Macquarie streets, north of Albion-street.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on MONDAY, 4th January, at 11 o'clock,
FOUR WELL-BUILT DWELLING-HOUSES, Little Albion-street, adjoining Kidd and Kelly's mill, built of brick, on stone foundations and basements—three containing 4 rooms and kitchen, and one 5 rooms, kitchen, and stable; good yards, with water laid on to each. They are now let at a low rental of £98 16s per annum to old tenants.
THE LAND has 59 feet 7 inches frontage, with a depth of 62 feet.
This property occupies a good position, close to the Fosterville and Albion Estates. The houses are faithfully built, and are of a class which always secure tenants.
TITLE—TORRENS' ACT.

ASHFIELD RAILWAY STATION.

FIRST-CLASS FAMILY RESIDENCE and Grounds, ASHGROVE LODGE, opposite the RAILWAY STATION, adjoining the Residence of J. H. GOODLET, Esq.

TITLE—Torrens's Act.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on
FRIDAY, 15th January, at 11 o'clock,
ASHGROVE LODGE, ASHFIELD,
a tastefully designed substantially-built two-story FAMILY RESIDENCE, of brick, on stone foundation, with slated roof, containing verandahs, back and front, wide hall, drawing-room, dining room, library, 5 bedrooms, kitchen, 2 servants' rooms, bath-room, pantry, storeroom, and other family conveniences. The outbuildings include large weatherboard room, 30 x 15, suitable for a billiard or school-room, stable, coach-house, hayloft over, man's room, &c.; water from underground tanks, conveyed by piping and force-pump to the bath-room on the upper floor of the house, and to the kitchen; supply is never failing.
The GROUNDS contain an area of 1 acre, having 132 FEET FRONTAGE to ELIZABETH-STREET, with a depth of 330 FEET. They are laid out in front of the residence with admirable taste, and include a grass lawn, carriage drive, clusters of shrubbery, and artistically laid out flower-beds. The other portion of the grounds include an orchard of well-matured choice fruit trees, vegetable garden, separate yard, &c.
The position is elevated and very convenient, being only a few feet from the RAILWAY STATION, and the SITE one of the first selections of the celebrated ASHFIELD PARK ESTATE.
Residences in Ashfield are eagerly sought after. The suburb is daily increasing in popularity, and no more delightful locality on the railway line can be selected for a suburban retreat.
Cards to view may be obtained on application at the Rooms.
Terms at sale.

TENTERFIELD.

BLOCK OF LAND, 42 ACRES, near the TOWN of TENTERFIELD, known as Mr. SAMUEL JOHNSTON'S GRANT, being suburban lot 125 on the OLD GRAFTON ROAD.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on
FRIDAY, 15th January, at 11 o'clock,
The above-described block of country land.
TITLE—Grant from the Crown.
Messrs. STEPHEN and STEPHEN, Solicitors, Pitt-street.

VALUABLE STATION PROPERTY.

FOR POSITIVE SALE.

The following well-known highly-improved Stations, viz.:—

ATTUNGA,
Liverpool Plains District.

MEROE,
Gwydir District.

WILLARIE,
Barwan River, Queensland.

Together with the HERD OF CATTLE belonging thereto, numbering
5500 HEAD MORE OR LESS.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions from Sydney Burdekin, Esq., to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, Sydney, on
TUESDAY, 19th January next, at 11 o'clock,
The above first-class pastoral properties, in one lot, the same having hitherto been worked together with great advantage and profit.
ATTUNGA is situated in the LIVERPOOL PLAINS DISTRICT, about 12 miles from TAMWORTH, and has an extensive frontage to the PEEL RIVER. The country is well grassed and consists principally of apple tree flats and open box forests, and is nearly all enclosed by substantial fencing (upwards of 50 miles) of wire and top-cap, while the remainder is protected by a natural boundary. The run including
5000 ACRES PURCHASED LAND,
with pre-emptive and auction leases, is sub-divided into a large number of conveniently-arranged well-watered paddocks, of which the approximate area is 28,340 acres, subdivided as follows, viz.: 16,000, 4000, 1000, 450, two of 1600, and two of 1200 each, three of 320 each, two of 120 each, and one of 90 acres, besides smaller ones surrounding the homestead.
There are about 100 acres under cultivation.
The improvements are very substantial, and include a newly erected cottage residence of brick and weatherboard, containing wide verandahs and 8 rooms, kitchen, overseer's residence, storemen's hut, barn, haysheds, 12-stall stable, coachhouse (30 x 20 feet), large open shed for horses, and other buildings. The stockyard is capable of working 1500 head of cattle.
About one mile from the head station, on the main Northern road, is the ATTUNGA INN, leased to Mr. Flynn at £50 per annum; and three miles further on is the Accommodation House, leased to Mr. Hartley at £26 per annum. Both these premises and paddocks attached are on purchased land, and will be given in to the purchaser with the other improvements.
On other parts on the run there are superintendent's residence of five rooms and kitchen, and four other residences for stockmen and boundary riders.
THE PURCHASED LAND (about 5000 acres) has been acquired with a view of commanding large areas of the run, and is all of rich quality. A large portion of it cost the owner £2 per acre, and with its many improvements it is believed that the whole 5000 acres, if judiciously subdivided into farms would realise from 50s. to £3 per acre. It will however be included in the purchase at £1 per acre.
About 3000 of the head of cattle, including a large number of bullocks and speyed cows fattening, are now running in the paddocks, the rest being depastured at Meroe and Willarie.
MEROE NORTH and MEROE SOUTH are distant about 140 miles from Attunga, and are situated on the Gwydir or Big River, adjoining Derra, the property of Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co., and surrounded by Mungyer and other well-known properties. The country is myall and saltbush, and is richly covered with all the fattening herbage for which that part of the Gwydir is famous. The water supply is ample, and the carrying capacity of the run is very large. Meroe South (the frontage block) is securely enclosed with fences, forming a large paddock, with horse-paddock within it now being erected.
The improvements consist of superintendent's cottage good stockyards, &c. About 1000 of the cattle are depastured in the Meroe paddock.

WILLARIE lies about 100 miles north-west of Meroe, and has about 16 miles frontage to the Barwan River, district of Maranoa, Queensland. The run comprises the four blocks, viz.:—Willarie, Bullah, Gradule, and Munga Plains, and is well watered at the back by the Weir River, and Warrill and other creeks. The frontage part of the country, of very rich pasturage, is enclosed with fences forming two large grazing and fattening paddocks; there are also two other paddocks of 640 and 240 acres respectively.
The improvements comprise cottage of 4 rooms, kitchen, stockyard, &c. There is also a stockyard, on the back country, with paddock adjoining.
In the Willarie paddocks the rest of the herd, about 1500 head, are now depasturing, and can be put together in a few days.
The HERD OF CATTLE, ABOUT 5500 HEAD, will be mustered and delivered. Calves under 6 months old given in with right of brand.
*** Stores, working horses, and all other plant at Attunga may be taken by arbitration, or will be sold by auction on the spot. The working plant of Meroe and Willarie will be included in the purchase by valuation.
The above properties are brought into the market for bona fide sale solely in consequence of Mr. S. Burdekin desiring to retire from pastoral pursuits, and afford more time to the management of his city properties. These stations have long been worked as one, and have proved a very profitable undertaking.
Attunga, which has been used as a depot, as well as a fattening station, may be said to have a market for fat stock at its own door, the Tamworth butchers being eager customers for all it has supplied, about 1200 head per annum, but which might be largely increased, and still leave the local market unsatisfied. As a profitable investment, these stations can be well recommended; and capitalists are invited to inspect them, for which purpose every assistance will be afforded by the respective superintendents in charge.

TERMS VERY LIBERAL.

UNSTOCKED RUNS.

By order of the Government of New South Wales.

Day of Sale, MONDAY, 28th December, 1874.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions from the Hon. J. S. FARNELL, Minister for Lands, to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on MONDAY, 28th December, 1874, at half-past 11 o'clock,
NEW LEASES, for five years, of the undermentioned runs of Crown Lands, upon the terms and conditions prescribed by the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861, and the regulations of 28th April, 1865.

*** Full particulars of the boundaries of the several runs may be obtained on application to Messrs. RICHARDSON and WRENCH'S Rooms; or from the GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, No. 268, of Friday, 27th November, 1874.

The special attention of intending purchasers is directed to the conditions published in the GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, under which the leases will be submitted.

No.		Estimated area, acres.	Rent.
	ALBERT DISTRICT.		
1.	Hermitage, No. 2	64,000	£20
2.	Sturt	64,000	20
3.	Terawinda, north-east, No. 1	30,000	10
	CLARENCE DISTRICT.		
4.	Murwillimba	16,000	£10
5.	Newfoundland	16,000	10
6.	Tomarah	14,000	10
7.	Upper Walumban	16,000	10
8.	Walumban	16,000	10
9.	Weelgoolga	25,000	40
	LACHLAN DISTRICT.		
10.	Youyang, Block B	20,000	£10
	MACLEAY DISTRICT.		
11.	Calatine	11,520	£10
12.	Congarina	6,400	10
13.	Moonaba	4,450	10
14.	Solitary	14,000	10

In consequence of the Proprietor leaving the Colony.

CAPITAL CITY INVESTMENT.

TERRACE OF FIVE HOUSES, GIPPS-STREET, near SMITH and MACQUARIE STREETS. FOSTERVILLE ESTATE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions from Mr. Henry Qualmer to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on MONDAY, 4th January, at 11 o'clock,
All that piece of land having 63 feet 10½ inches frontage to GIPPS-STREET, and 55 feet to a lane 20 feet wide, upon which are those FIVE NEWLY-ERECTED TWO-STORY BRICK DWELLING HOUSES on stone foundations, slated roofs, and containing each balcony, 4 rooms, and kitchen, with yards, &c., at the rear.
Rental £3 10s per week, or £182 per annum.
*** These premises have only recently been erected, and no expense has been spared in completing them in a superior manner. The whole of the internal fittings are of good material and first-class workmanship, and the property is well drained to the main sewer.
Terms at sale.

In the Estate of the late Mr. THOMAS AYLING.

REDFERN.
THREE-STORY BRICK DWELLING HOUSES and COTTAGE, in BOTANY-STREET, next to the FORESTERS' HALL, about 300 yards south of the corner of the BOTANY ROAD.
TWO BRICK COTTAGES, MARIAN-STREET, SOUTH SIDE, between ROSEHILL and PLEASANT STREETS, west of BOTANY ROAD.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on MONDAY, 4th January, at 11 o'clock,
LOT 1.—ALL THAT PIECE OF LAND, part of EDWARD BYRNE'S SUBDIVISION, and having 64 FEET frontage to BOTANY-STREET, and 35 FEET to a back lane, with a depth of 100 FEET on one side, and 93½ FEET on the other, upon which are erected THREE WELL-BUILT BRICK TWO-STORY houses and one COTTAGE adjoining, on stone foundations, and containing each 4 rooms, with good yards, well of water, &c., at the rear.
Rental, £1 12s per week, or £83 4s per annum.
TITLE, LEASEHOLD; 94½ YEARS from 1st October, 1858; ground rent, £10 8s per annum.
LOT 2.—The Residue of a Lease having about 64 YEARS to run, of land having 25½ FEET frontage to MARIAN-STREET, REDFERN, with a depth of 67 FEET to a lane, together with the TWO BRICK COTTAGES THEREON, containing each 2 rooms and kitchen, with yards, water laid on, &c.
Rental, 13s per week, or £33 16s per annum.
The above properties are in the market for positive sale, and must be disposed of to the highest bidder on the above date, to close accounts.
Full particulars of titles may be obtained by applying to
JOHN DAWSON,
Solicitor, Pitt-street.

By order of the ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of the late MARY ANN CORKIN.

GREENWICH, PARRAMATTA RIVER.

FIVE ALLOTMENTS of Land, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of section 8 of the TOWNSHIP of GREENWICH, the whole block having 175 FEET frontage to RICHARD-STREET, 250 FEET to SERPENTINE-STREET, and upwards of 250 FEET to BALL'S HEAD BAY, off the PARRAMATTA RIVER, together with TWO SMALL COTTAGES THEREON.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 15th January, at 11 o'clock,
The above described property.
TITLE UNQUESTIONABLE. Full particulars may be obtained from Messrs. STEPHEN and STEPHEN, Solicitors, Pitt-street.
Terms at sale.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

IMPORTANT CITY PROPERTY, PITT AND LIVERPOOL STREETS.

1. THE NORTH STAR HOTEL, occupied by Mr. McCabe
2. Two Shops and Dwelling-houses, Nos. 392 and 394, Pitt-street
3. Store and Dwelling, Liverpool-street
4. Building Allotment adjoining
5. Shop and Dwelling, No. 116, Liverpool-street.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on
FRIDAY, 22nd JANUARY,
at 11 o'clock,
The above valuable corner block of city freehold property, full particulars of which will appear in a future advertisement.
Full particulars of title can be obtained on application to Messrs. STEPHEN and STEPHEN, Solicitors, Pitt-street.

Plan on view at the Rooms.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

By order of the Trustees of
THE UNDERWOOD ESTATES.

IMPORTANT EXTENSIVE SALES.
CITY AND SUBURBAN FREEHOLDS.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on early dates, which will be duly announced,
The whole of the valuable extensive city and suburban properties in the Underwood Estates, comprising,

CITY.
BLOCK OF LAND, with large frontages to George-street North and Queen's-place, with premises thereon.

SUBURBAN.
PADDINGTON.—60 ACRES, subdivided, fronting Underwood, Paddington, and Piper streets, also other principal roads of the suburb. This Estate has been subdivided by Mr. Surveyor Hunsley, and each lot pegged on the land.

PETERSHAM AND ASHFIELD.—226 acres, at the junction of the Liverpool and Parramatta Roads, extending close to the
PETERSHAM AND ASHFIELD RAILWAY STATIONS.

HOMEBUSH.—210 ACRES, immediately surrounding the
HOMEBUSH RAILWAY STATION,
now being marked out in lots, on the land, by Mr. Surveyor Binsted.

Further particulars of each of the above magnificent estates in a future advertisement.
Surveys have been made and plans of subdivision are in preparation, LITHOGRAPHIC COPIES of which will be distributed to intending purchasers.

TITLES: TORRENS'S ACT.
TERMS LIBERAL.

Preliminary Notice.
COOMBING ESTATE, CARCOAR.

MORT and CO. have received instructions from the Executors and Trustees of the estate of the late Honorable Thomas Icely, M.L.C., to sell by public auction, at their Wool Warehouses, Circular Quay, early in April, 1875,
That MAGNIFICENT PASTORAL ESTATE, known as COOMBING, containing
38,131 acres choice freehold land
36,412 ditto pre-emptive leasehold land
4,570 ditto auction leased land.
This highly improved and valuable estate includes those excellent properties,
LISCOMBE POOLS and BELUBULA,
besides the very desirable homestead of COOMBING PARK.
With the above will be sold about
35,000 SHEEP
850 CATTLE
and other stock belonging to the estate.
MORT and CO. need hardly remind capitalists in want of a good investment of the importance of inspecting the above, which is one of the very early selections now so rare and valuable.

Further particulars will appear in a future advertisement, or may be learnt on application to MORT and CO., Sydney.

MITCHELL DOWNS, DISTRICT OF MARANOA.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

55,000 more or less SHEEP
4,500 „ „ CATTLE.

MORT and CO. have received instructions to offer for sale by auction, in January, 1875,
Mitchell Downs station, together with fifty-five thousand more or less sheep, and four thousand five hundred more or less cattle.
MITCHELL DOWNS STATION comprises fifteen blocks of country, having 75 miles frontage to one side of Maranoa River, and 55 miles to the other side, and is otherwise watered by ten main creeks, besides numerous smaller ones, securing permanent water within reach of any part of the run.
THE IMPROVEMENTS, in addition to eight sheep-paddocks enclosed within 120 miles of post and wire fencing, are very ample, and of superior character.
Both sheep and cattle are first-class.
Inspection of the property is solicited.

Further particulars may be obtained from the manager, on the station; or from
MORT and CO.
Wool Warehouses Circular Quay, Sydney.

WEDNESDAY, January 13.

To Squatters, Cattle Buyers, and Investors in Real Property.

The HELIDON STATION,
with
2500 ACRES PURCHASED LAND,
on the
RAILWAY LINE.

600 BULLOCKS
900 COWS, and
40 STOCK HORSES.

G. F. WANT and CO. have received instructions from the acting Executor under the will of the late William Turner, in pursuance of testator's directions, to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, Queen-street, Brisbane, on WEDNESDAY, January 13, 1875, at 12 o'clock,
The well-known station
HELIDON,
together with
LAND, IMPROVEMENTS, YARDS, &c.
Helidon is distant only fifteen miles from Toowoomba on the Ipswich Railway line; contains about thirty-three square miles, held under lease from the Queensland Government at an annual rental of £80, is permanently watered, and is capable of depasturing 2000 head of cattle in any season.
With the station will be sold eleven hundred and eighty-three (1183) acres of purchased land, on which is erected a well-built and commodious family residence. Also twelve hundred and twenty (1220) acres of agricultural land, held under the Act of 1868, the right and title to which would be handed over to the purchaser of the freehold land and station, on the payment of moneys already expended in rents and improvements.
At the same time and place the whole of the Helidon herd will be offered for sale in two lots, consisting of about six hundred (600) bullocks and nine hundred (900) females. The bullocks and cows will be offered separately. All unweaned calves to be taken as cows, an allowance of 7 per cent. being made for calves. All bulls will be sold with the cows.
These cattle are first-class, being the progeny of bulls selected from the Cressbrook and other celebrated herds; and among them are about one hundred and fifty (150) broken-in milkers.
The horses will be sold by themselves in one lot.
The above offers a splendid opportunity for the profitable investment of capital. The whole of the freehold is contiguous to the railway, and is rapidly increasing in value.
The cattle buyer may obtain a first-class lot of cattle, and the outside squatter or Brisbane butcher may secure a property which would work in well with his business.
Terms:—On the freehold and station, half cash; balance in one, two, and three years, secured on the property, bearing interest at 7 per cent. For the cattle, cash on delivery.
An early inspection of the cattle and property is invited.

A plan of the run and freehold can be seen, and further information obtained, on application at the Rooms of G. F. WANT and CO., Queen-street, Brisbane; or, to G. F. WANT, 273, George-street, Sydney.

LIVERPOOL PLAINS.

MAGNIFICENT SALT BUSH FATTENING PROPERTY,
WITH 4219 HEAD WELL-BRED CATTLE.

G. F. WANT (acting under instructions from R. H. BLOOMFIELD, Esq., will offer for public competition, on TUESDAY, 9th February, 1875, at the Pastoral Exchange, 273, George-street, Sydney, at 11 o'clock.
That well-known station GOANGRA, consisting of the following blocks, viz.,
GOANGRA, GOANGRA RETRO,
DITTO EAST, DITTO DITTO WEST,
of really first-class SALTBUSH and MYALL country, admirably adapted for either SHEEP or CATTLE, embracing an area of about 142,000 acres, held at a rental of £201 10s per annum, and having a frontage to the NAMOI (A NEVER-FAILING-STREAM) OF FIFTEEN (15) MILES.
The Stock consists of a well-bred herd of 4219 (more or less),
1541 MALES, 2678 FEMALES.
24 Bulls of the following well-known brands:—
EX—GB, WL, and BARNES and SMITH'S SHIELD BRAND.
There are THIRTY working horses on the property, which, together with all stores and working plant, will have to be taken at a valuation in the usual way.
IMPROVEMENTS consist of a comfortable cottage of 5 rooms, and verandah, detached kitchen with 4 rooms, stockman's hut, with three rooms, and a stockyard capable of working a much larger herd of cattle. An allowance of Ten per cent. of calves will be given in lieu of ageing.
The terms, which are particularly light, will be as follows:—One-half cash; the balance at 1, 2, and 3 years bearing 7 per cent. interest.
In drawing the attention of persons on the look-out for a really FIRST-CLASS SALT BUSH PROPERTY, LIGHTLY STOCKED, the Agent has every confidence in recommending the above, as it is one of the best properties on the justly celebrated Liverpool Plains, there being a NEVER-FAILING SUPPLY OF WATER, and the country being adapted for any class of Stock. It is within 20 miles of Walgett and 40 of Pilliga. At both places there are Post and Telegraph offices—thus bringing it within immediate hail of all the principal markets.
Pastoral Exchange, 273, George-street, Sydney.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

IMPORTANT SALE.

MAGNIFICENT CATTLE STATION, TEXAS.

10,000 HEAD CATTLE.
PRINCIPALLY HIGHLY-BRED HEREFORDS.

G. F. WANT has received instructions from Messrs. T. and W. Smith to sell by auction, at the Pastoral Exchange, 273, George-street, Sydney, on a day of which due notice will be given in a future advertisement,
Their well-known and justly celebrated cattle station TEXAS, with a herd of 10,000 head of cattle, principally HEREFORDS, the progeny of BULLS, from Mr. REYNOLDS'S, of TOCAL, ORIGINAL IMPORTED STOCK.
Further particulars can be obtained from
G. F. WANT, 273, George-street.

Five Years' Lease of the beautifully situated Business Premises in Hunter-street, Newcastle.

MR. J. C. BONARIUS has been favoured with instructions from the Building Committee of the School of Arts to sell by auction, on the premises, about the middle of January,
The lease for five years of those large and commodious business premises, situated in the centre of Hunter-street, and known as the premises of the School of Arts, containing four large shops suitable for any business, with extensive dry cellars, capable of holding any quantity of goods.
For further particulars apply to J. C. BONARIUS, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE and CHOICE GRAZING and AGRICULTURAL FARMS,
situate at
PIKE'S GULLY, SALTWATER CREEK, and APPLETREE FLAT,
containing an area of about 3500 acres of first-class Land, being a portion of the celebrated Ravensworth Estate.

Title—Grant from the Crown.

H. AND F. WEAVER have received instructions from the representatives of the late Captain Russell to sell by auction, at the Royal Hotel, Singleton, on WEDNESDAY, 24th February, 1875, at 12 o'clock,
The following valuable properties:—
LOT 1, containing an estimated area of 800 acres of RICH GRAZING and AGRICULTURAL LAND, permanently watered by Pike's and Chilcott's Creeks; bounded on the east and north by the Great Northern Railway, on the west by substantial fence, and on the south by a line bearing east about two miles to the Great Northern Railway.
LOT 2 contains an area of 100 ACRES, bounded on the north by the Great Northern Road, on the west by land rented by F. White, on the south by land rented by the late Captain Russell, and on the east adjoing S. Lee's fenced 40-acre purchase. This FARM consists of GOOD AGRICULTURAL and GRAZING SOIL, and is situated but half a mile west of Lot 4. To the purchaser of this portion will be transferred all the vendor's interest in the rented lands adjoining.
LOT 3 contains an estimated area of 160 acres of SPLENDID AGRICULTURAL and GRAZING LAND, bounded on the east by the Great Northern Railway, on the north by land forming portion of Lot 4, on the west by land belonging to T. Hassall, on the south by land also belonging to T. Hassall.
This farm is already fenced, and the timber sapped; it is abundantly watered, and for richness of soil cannot be surpassed.
LOT 4 contains an estimated area of 416 ACRES, situated on the Western Saltwater Ponds, bounded on the east by the Great Northern Railway, on the north by land belonging to J. Quantrill, on the west by land belonging to A. Wallace, and on the south by land belonging to T. Hassall.
The timber on this lot is all rung, and, with the exception of about 80 rods of fencing, entirely enclosed. The auctioneers would direct especial attention of intending purchasers to the fact that the well-known Apple-tree Flat Camping Ground is on this farm, making it one of the most valuable and lucrative properties of its size ever offered for public competition in the district.
LOT 5 contains an estimated area of 2000 acres of very superior AGRICULTURAL AND FATTENING GRAZING LAND, abundantly and permanently watered by the Saltwater and Davis's Creeks. A considerable portion of this very valuable property has been cultivated, and found in all seasons to produce excellent crops of wheat and maize.
The Camberwell Railway Station adjoins this lot, which has also a frontage to the Great Northern Road of about two miles; the IMPROVEMENTS on this land, consisting of a large amount of fencing, hut, yards, &c., go with it.

For further information apply to HUGH MACDONALD, Esq., Ravensworth; or the Auctioneers,
H. and F. WEAVER, West Maitland.
Terms at sale.

VALUABLE PASTORAL PROPERTY.

BROCK and BROUGHTON have been favoured with instructions from John Pring Esq., to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, Burrowa-street, Young, on THURSDAY, the 21st January, 1875, at 12 o'clock sharp, those well known runs,
ILLUNIE AND NARRA ALLEN,
containing an estimated area respectively of 20,000 and 16,000 acres, of which 765 are freehold. They are situated about 25 miles N. E. of Young, are well improved, and have an abundant supply of water. The selections taken up on these runs only amount to 130 acres.
There is an overseer's cottage, yards, paddocks, several sheep station huts, out-buildings, &c., &c., &c.
With the run will be sold about 11,686 first-class sheep—mixed sexes.

Any further information with reference to these runs, which are for absolute sale conjointly, can be obtained from the auctioneers, who deem it needless to make any further comment—Mr. Pring being so well known as one, if not the most careful breeder of sheep in these districts.
Terms at sale.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTICE.—The attention of Steamship-owners, Merchants, and those engaged in the Intercolonial and Eastern trades is called to the SALE by AUCTION of the Screw Steamship LADY DARLING, 722 tons register, advertised in Melbourne Argus to be sold by me on TUESDAY January 12th, 1875.
H. A. COFFEY, Melbourne Shipping Exchange, Collins-street, West Melbourne.

TUESDAY, February 9, 1875, at 2 o'clock.

VERY VALUABLE STATION PROPERTIES, by Public Auction, At Dunedin, New Zealand.

HENRY DRIVER (on behalf of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company) has been favoured with instructions from Messrs. Campbell and Low to sell by public auction, without reserve, at the Otago Wool Stores, Dunedin, New Zealand, on TUESDAY, 9th February, 1875 (in consequence of dissolution of partnership by effluxion of time).
The following well-known sheep stations:—
Lot 1.—GALLOWAY STATION,
situated in the Manuherikia Valley,
comprising about
190,000 acres of excellent grazing country,
with about
105,000 sheep, including lambs
A small herd of dairy cattle, and about 60 horses.
There are about 200 miles of fencing on the runs, which are all enclosed, and subdivided into nine paddocks.
LOT 2.
BENMORE STATION,
situated in the Upper Waitaki district,
comprising about
260,000 acres of excellent grazing country, in the provinces of Otago and Canterbury,
with about
85,000 sheep, including lambs
100 head of cattle, and
60 horses.
There are about 100 miles of subdivision fencing, the whole block being almost surrounded by rivers, forming good natural boundaries.
The buildings on both stations are on freehold and agricultural leases, with purchasing clauses, and are convenient and substantial.
The sheep on both stations have been carefully culled for years.
The leases have an average of eight years to run.
Terms—One third cash; balance at one, two, and three years, with 8 per cent. interest.

Further particulars will be supplied upon application to the Company at any of their offices in New Zealand, Melbourne, Sydney, or London.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
Sheriff's Office, Sydney, 21st December, 1874.

THE COMMERCIAL BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY versus ALEXANDER SAMUEL MACDONNELL, as Manager of the Great Amalgamated Gold Mining Company (limited).

ON THURSDAY, the thirty-first day of December instant, at noon, unless the writ of fieri facias herein be previously satisfied, the SHERIFF will cause to be sold by public auction, at Camb's Commercial Hotel, King and Castlereagh streets, Sydney,
All the right, title, and interest of the abovenamed Alexander Samuel MacDonnell as Manager of the Great Amalgamated Gold Mining Company (limited), and of that company, of, in, and to their lease or claim situate at Hill End, large whim-shed covered with iron, 1 splendid whim, whim rope, 12 iron-rung ladders, 1 bellows and anvil, hand rope, small bellows, 2 whim buckets, a quantity of blacksmith's tools, a quantity of blacksmiths' and miners' tools, picks, drills, &c., 2 shoverells, carpenters' tools, 1 bar 1 steel, 1 vice, 2 windlasses, about 600 feet sawn timber, 3 wheelbarrows, 1 clock, 2 tubs, laths, a quantity of corrugated iron, wooden fly wheel, 1 fan, set whim harness (less collar), a quantity of fuse, 1 keg blasting powder, blacksmith's shop (wattle dab) covered with iron, 1 3-stall stable, 3 huts. On the ground there is a centre shaft about 200 feet deep.
TEMPLE NATHAN, Under Sheriff.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
IN EQUITY.

TO BE SOLD, pursuant to a decree of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, in its Equitable Jurisdiction, made on the 29th day of September, A.D. 1874, in a cause wherein Francis Graham is plaintiff and the Honorable her Majesty's Attorney-General for the colony of New South Wales is defendant, by bill, and Hannah Graham is plaintiff and the Honorable her Majesty's-Attorney General for the colony of New South Wales is defendant by order of revivor with the approbation of the Master-in-Equity, of the said Court, by Messrs. BOWDEN, MILLS, and JORDON, at their Auction Rooms, 154 Pitt-street, Sydney, on THURSDAY, the 14th day of January, 1875, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon,
Certain freehold land situated on Mill Creek and George's River, in the parish of Holdsworthy, containing 174 acres and 2 roods.
Particulars may be inspected at the Master's Office, Supreme Court, King-street, Sydney, the offices of Mr. Thomas Read, Solicitor, for the plaintiff, 166 King-street, Sydney, and at the Auctioneers' Rooms.
Dated this 22nd day of December, A.D. 1874.
ARTHUR T. HOLROYD,
Master-in-Equity.

FUNERALS.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. MICHAEL MALONE are invited to attend the Funeral of his late deceased WIFE, Mary Ann; to move from his residence, Wyndham-street, off Raglan-street, Waterloo, THIS AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, for the Necropolis. J. SHYING and CO., 719, George-st., 120, Oxford-st.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. WILLIAM G. BEAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SON, Percy; to move from his residence, Elizabeth-street, Ashfield, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, to Necropolis. C. KINSELA and SONS, Geo.-st., opp. Christ Church; and Oxford-st., nr. Crown-st.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. JAMES KEAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved DAUGHTER, Hannah M.; to move from his residence, Wilshire-street, off Crown-st., Surry Hills, TO-MORROW (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, to Necropolis. C. KINSELA and SONS, 118, Oxford-st.; and George-st.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. GEORGE NELSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased beloved SON John; to move from the residence of his parents, No. 9, Margaret-lane, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 27th instant, at a quarter before 2 o'clock, to Necropolis. THOMAS, Undertaker, 141, York-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. MANES CANNON are invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased SON, Manes Joseph, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON; to move from his residence, 113, York-street, at half-past 2 o'clock, to the Petersham Cemetery. W. J. DIXON, Undertaker, 121, York-street, and Oxford-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. JOHN EWING are invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased DAUGHTER, Mary; to move from his residence, Athlone-place, off Parramatta-street, THIS AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, to Necropolis. W. J. DIXON, Undertaker, 821, George-street; 21, Oxford-street; 121, York-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. RICHARD LUSCOMBE are invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased SON, John Joseph; to move from his residence, Jamison-street, off Bourke-street, Surry Hills, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., to Petersham Cemetery. W. J. DIXON, Undertaker, 21, Oxford-street; 121, York-street; 821, George-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. EDWARD J. CAMPION are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased beloved DAUGHTER Eliza; to move from his residence, 108, Campbell-street, TO-MORROW (Sunday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, to the Catholic Cemetery, Petersham. JAMES CURTIS, Undertaker.

AMUSEMENTS.

CHOWDER BAY.

THIS (BOXING) DAY.

THE GREAT MONSTER PROTESTANT PICNIC GRAND ANNUAL GATHERING, under the same management as heretofore.

Adults, Return tickets, 1s 6d; children, 1s.

Great and Unprecedented Attraction

Engagement of the following talented and amusing artistes:—

THE VIRGINIAN MINSTRELS, and Mr. FRANK LLOYD, the people's favourite—Comique and Buffo Vocalist, who will appear in some new specialities.

Mr. J. Colly, Ethiopian Comedian and Bones.
Mr. R. Johnson, Celebrated Bonjoist and Baritone Vocalist.
Mr. J. Miller, Violin Soloist and Musical Director.
Mr. J. Burgis, Tambourinist, Song and Dance Performer.
Mr. F. Williamson, Violinselist and Alto Vocalist.
Mr. Frank Lloyd, the Eccentric Comic Vocalist.

PROGRAMME.—PART I.

Overture ... Minstrels
Opening Chorus ... Minstrels
Motto Song ... Frank Lloyd
"Eliza Jane" ... J. Colly
"I'm lonely since my mother died" ... R. Johnson
Eccentricities ... J. Burgess
Grand Finale—Nursery Rhymes ... Company.

PART II.

Comic Delineation ... Frank Lloyd
Silver Belt Jig ... J. Burgess
Ethiopian Sketch ... Colly and Johnson
Song and Dance ... J. Burgess
"Medicine Jack" ... Frank Lloyd.

PART III.
A laughable side-splitting Farce.

To conclude with Plantation Walk Round. Characters by Company.
The whole entertainment under the management of Mr. Frank Lloyd.

THE VIRGINIAN MINSTRELS will commence their performances at half-past 11 o'clock, and at intervals throughout the day until half-past 5 o'clock.

The Committee also have the pleasure to announce the engagement, at great expense, of WILLIAM VERLETTI and C. LEGARDE, the world-renowned Gymnasts, Contortionists, and High Wire Walkers, who will appear in their large marquee erected for this special occasion.

NO EXTRA CHARGE.

Their daring graceful performances comprise High Oscillating Bars, Roman Rings Horizontal Bar, Double Trapeze, Slack Rope, &c.
WILLIAM VERLETTI and C. LEGARDE have also arranged for a RICHARDSON SHOW. RICHARDSON SHOW.

The Splendid PARRAMATTA VOLUNTEER BRASS BAND, now so favourably known in connection with these POPULAR PICNICS FOR DANCING in the Pavilion and on the Lawn.

Exhibition of HART'S original old English PUNCH and JUDY.

MERRY-GO-ROUND. MERRY-GO-ROUND.

ATHLETIC SPORTS. ATHLETIC SPORTS.

CRICKET, CROQUET, QUOITS, SKITTLES, Football, &c. Hot and cold water in abundance.

Free Fun and Amusement for the Million. One continued round of enjoyment.

Four large comfortable steamers The Ballina, Bungaree, Transit, and Herald; from Circular Quay every half-hour, from 8 o'clock; the last boat from Sydney, half-past 2 sharp.
First boat from Chowder, quarter-past 4; last, half-past 6.

Without doubt CHOWDER BAY will be the best place to spend the holiday.

Beautiful trip across the Harbour.

Magnificent Scenery (not to be equalled in the world) the Grand Fortifications, &c.

No difficulty in getting home again for Evening Amusements.

COME EARLY.

Return tickets, 1s 6d; children, 1s.
H. DAVIES, Secretary.

A. H. C. GUILD MONSTER EXCURSION TO MOSSMAN'S BAY, on BOXING-DAY, December 26, 1874.

Five favourite steamers are engaged to run from Circular Quay, foot of Pitt-street, and Woolloomooloo Bay, every half-hour, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
For the convenience of Balmain visitors a steamer will leave Balmain at half-past 9 a.m.
The Volunteer Artillery Brigade Band of 12 performers is engaged, also Violinists and Irish Pipers.

DANCING.—The spacious pavilion (specially erected) will be opened on this occasion, and will be conducted under special rules and under efficient M.C.'s. The Quadrille Band for the dancing will be in attendance all day.

A FULL PROGRAMME OF SPORTS. Particulars in yesterday's HERALD.
Punch and Judy, Merry-go-round, Aunt Sally, &c., &c.

Hot and cold water, tea and coffee throughout the day. Refreshments on the ground supplied at lowest charges. Tickets, 1s 6d; children, 1s.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—EXCURSION on NEW YEAR'S DAY to LANE COVE RIVER.
Friends desirous of spending a quiet day, are cordially invited. Tea, without provisions, will be supplied, free. Refreshments may be purchased on the ground.
Steamers will leave North Shore Ferry, Circular Quay, at 9.30, 11.30, and 2 o'clock. First boat will return at 4.30 p.m. Tickets, 1s each; children, half-price.
R. M'LEAN and J. PEPPER, Hon. Secs.

BAZAAR on board the ship PARRAMATTA, lying at Circular Quay.—On the 21st and 22nd of JANUARY next a BAZAAR will be held on board the above-named ship, in aid of the funds of the RANDWICK INSTITUTE for DESTITUTE CHILDREN, and of the Merchant Seamen's Orphan Asylum.
Any contributions forwarded to Captain GODDARD, on board the ship Parramatta, in aid of the above object, would be gratefully received.

ST. FRANCIS'S HALL.—Temperance and Musical Entertainment, Monday Evening next. Admission, 3d.

QUEEN'S THEATRE, York-street.

Lessee and Manager.... Mr. Edmund Holloway.
Acting-Manager .... Mr. Lachlan M'Gowan.
Scenic Artist .... Mr. W. J. Wilson.

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or
HARLEQUIN FRIDAY and the KING OF SUGEE,
written expressly for this Theatre by E. Lewis Scott.

The whole of the new and magnificent picturesque scenery, including the GRAND TRANSFORMATION SCENE painted by Mr. W. J. WILSON.
The novel mechanical effects by Messrs. HERBERT WINNING and assistants.
The music arranged by Mr. W. H. SPILLER.
The Ballet Dances, &c., arranged by J. H. Flexmore.
The new characteristic costumes by Miss STAPLETON and assistants.
The magnificent properties by Messrs. LYDDY and ARNOLD.
The gorgeous coloured fires by Mr. HAYGARTH, of Melbourne.
The comic scenes arranged by Messrs. FLEXMORE and TOLANO. The Pantomime produced under the stage direction of Mr. E. HOLLOWAY.
Reappearance on the stage of Miss JENNY SHARPE, Queen of Song.
Engagement and first appearance in Sydney of Mr. DAN BRIGGS, the great Buffo Artist.

Characters in the opening—

REAL.

Robinson Crusoe (the Roving Islander) ... Mrs. Lachlan M'Gowan
The Dog (a Raphaelistic portrait) ... Mr. Barker
The Cat (an a-MEWsing animal) ... Miss Mouser
The Goat (useful and HORNimental) ... Mr. Horne
The Parrot ... Mr. Scratchpole
Pretty Polly Shortcut ... Miss Julia Morton
(The Belle of the Ball and the Pride of Sugee.)
Captain Will Atkins (a Rover of the Sea) ... Mr. Lachlan M'Gowan
Old Daddy Shortcut (author of Polly) .... Mr. H. Jerden
Sergeant Listem (a Reader of a red coat) .... Mr. C. Brown
Darlinghurst and Cockatoo ... Messrs. Burglar and Garotter
Bobby Scupperhole } Two who stick to } Misses Binnicle
Harry Stunsail } hull on sea or land } and Compass

DARK.

Thechem-whackem-boo (King of Sugee) ... Mr. Dan. Briggs
(Whose land was visited by Robinson and nailed, being at-tacked and amorously armed).
Ratty Tim } Both these are Sugesan } Messrs. Haskerini
Lanky Joe } Princes ... } and Martini
Friday ... Mr. J. Tolano

IDEAL.

Liberty (the long looked for come at last) .... Miss Jenny Sharpe
The Tyrant (a new friend with an old face) .... Mr. J. Hasker
Oppression (his natural adjunct) ...... Mr. J. H. Martin

In Scene 1.—THE OLD JETTY AT HULL., Wilson
In Scene 2.—THE TYRANT'S HOME .... Wilson
GRAND PANORAMA.
In Scene 3.—BOWERS OF BRILLIANT BEAUTY.. Wilson
Grand Ballet.... Miss Amy Chambers and Corps de Ballet
In Scene 4.—THE ISLAND ... Wilson
In Scene 5.—CRUSOE'S HUT ... Wilson
In Scene 6.—THE LEE SHORE—ATKINS' WRECK
GRAND COCOANUT BALLET!
In Scene 7.—THE ISLAND HOME.

HARLEQUINADE!

Columbine ... Miss Amy Chambers
Harlequin ... Mr. Burbank
Pantaloon ... Mr. J. Tolano
Clown ... Mr. J. H. Flexmore
Policeman ... Mr. C. Brown.

GRAND TRANSFORMATION SCENE!

1. Silver Grotto—all sun—all shine—all splendid. 2. Bower of Roses—radiant with rural rusticity, round which the running roses twine. 3. Dews of delicious daybreak—tears of happiness—joyous fret-work. 4. Pagoda of ferns—a fuchsia land—land of the future—lace arch for arch young ladies. 5. Temple of the goddesses—pendant pillars in perpendicular ponderosity—Apollo strikes the lyre.

SLAP BANG HERE WE ARE AGAIN.
Scene 1.—WELL-KNOWN STREET IN THE CITY.
Trip—Hornpipe ... Harlequin and Columbine.
Scene 2.—THE SOUP KITCHEN.
Trip ... Columbine.
Scene 3.—SOMEWHERE IN GEORGE-STREET.
Trip ... Harlequin and Columbine.
THE GROTTO OF GLOOM!
changing to the
Stalactite Steps of Silvery Shells in the Dreamy Dwellings of Deep Delight.

The Pantomime will commence at a quarter to 9, and be preceded each evening, at 8 o'clock, with a COMIC DRAMA, in which Mr. and Mrs. E. HOLLOWAY will appear.
Admission.—Dress circle, 3s; side boxes, 2s 6d; stalls, 2s; pit, 1s.
Tickets and seats can be obtained at Kirby's, bookseller, Pitt-street, opposite Farmer and Co.'s.
Books of the words of the Pantomime to be had at the Theatre, only 6d each.

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BOXING-DAY. BOXING-DAY.

THIS DAY. THIS DAY.
GRAND NATIONAL GATHERING AND CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.
GREAT COMBINATION of TALENT.
The Best Bill of the Day.

The only place where you can have a good day's amusement. Look! Look! They will all appear as advertised.
Mdlle. AZZELLA—Queen of the Air and Champion Lady Gymnast of the Day, in her great Antipodean Promenade Single Trapeze, Double Trapeze, and Leap, introducing her great act of throwing somersaults in the air, assisted by
Mons. CHARLES VERLETTI—The unrivalled Gymnast, and will introduce their sensational feats on the Flying Ring. During the performance a netting will be suspended the entire length of the frame, so that everyone can witness with confidence the daring and graceful exploits of these great artists.
(The great wonder) Master JOHNNY FOLEY—The Infant Blondin, in his unequalled performance on the Wire Cord (50 feet in the air) introducing the most daring feats ever witnessed by the public; also, in his Characteristic Songs and Dances.
The great Australian HAND-BELL RINGERS.
The celebrated HEARTWELL FAMILY.
Miss LIZZIE HEARTWELL—Comic and Sentimental Vocalist.
Miss L. and J. HEARTWELL—Comiques.
Negro Minstrels' Witticisms and Dances.
The YOUNG AUSTRALIAN BRASS BAND, 16 performers, engaged for Pavilion.
Also, BRASS BAND engaged for the amusement of Families, to perform a choice selection of music on the lawn during the day.
Dancing in the Pavilion and Lawn under the able direction of Mr. J. Chambers and assistants.
Steamers HUNTER, KIAMA, JOHN PENN, from Circular Quay from 9 a.m., and every half-hour till 2.30. Last trip from Clontarf 6 p.m.
Return fare, 2s; children, 1s.
E. W. and T. MOORE.

NEW YEAR'S DAY. NEW YEAR'S DAY.—Monster Railway EXCURSION by No. 5 Lodge Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia to Clarendon Park, near Windsor. Dancing, cricket, quoits, sports, &c. Tickets, 2s 6d; children, half price. Splendid brass band engaged.

BALMAIN PRESBYTERIAN SABBATH SCHOOLS.—The Annual EXCURSION will proceed to CHOWDER BAY on SATURDAY, the 2nd January next.
First steamer, foot of Darling-street, at 8.30 a.m.
Second steamer, Reynolds-street Wharf, 9.15, calling at Darling-street 9.30.
Third steamer, Darling-street, 10.15.
Fourth steamer, ditto, 11.
An extra steamer will call at the Dock at 1.30 p.m., calling at Darling-street 1.45 p.m., and Circular Quay 2 p.m.
Tickets, 2s each, to be had on board, or the usual places.

CLONTARF. CLONTARF. CLONTARF. BOXING-DAY.
GRAND NATIONAL GATHERING and CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.
MADLLE. AZZELLA, the Queen of the Air and Premier Lady Gymnast.
CHARLES VERLETTI, the Champion Acrobat.
The Great Wonder, MASTER JOHNNY FOLEY, the Infant Blondin, in his unequalled performances on the high Wire Cord; also in his characteristic Songs and Dances.
The Great Australian Handbell Ringers
Miss LIZZIE HEARTWELL, Comic and Sentimental Vocalist.
Messrs. L. and E. HEARTWELL, Comiques.
The Young Australian Brass Band, of 16.
Also Brass Band engaged for the amusement of families, to perform choice selections of music on the lawn.
Immense Bill. Particulars TO-MORROW.
E. W. and T. MOORE.

NO. 1 V. FIRE CO. C. C. v. Officers ship Parramatta.—Members meet 9.30, Pitt-street Station:—Green, Andrews, Bird, Bowen, Davis, Dunn, Fussell, Hudson, Buchanan, Murray, Crum, Wolfenden, Warren.

SCHOOL OF ARTS.

GREAT ATTRACTION, DOUBLE BILL, and SOUVENIER NIGHT.
EVERY LADY ATTENDING
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WILL RECEIVE A SOUVENIER
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BOXING NIGHT. BOXING NIGHT.

GREAT SUCCESS, GREAT SUCCESS of VALENTINE A. JACOBS, THE GREATEST VENTRILOQUIST OF THE DAY, and MAN OF MANY VOICES, who will introduce Mr. Bouncer, Granny Busybody, Mr. Jones, Little Agnes, and a host of other characters, whose performance on Thursday night was crowned with success.
This performance must be seen to be believed.
PROFESSOR HASELMAYER will appear in his grand, varied, and versatile entertainment of WONDERS, MUSIC, EDUCATED BIRDS and MICE.
The programme for this evening is one of the grandest ever presented to a Sydney audience.

HASELMAYER'S CHRISTMAS TREE, Erected in the Hall, containing over 200 VALUABLE AND USEFUL GIFTS.
Tickets are distributed nightly to children.
Drawing to take place on WEDNESDAY, December 30th.
Admission, 3s., 2s., and 1s.
Children half-price to front seats and second seats only.
Doors open at half-past 7; commence at 8 o'clock.

7TH ANNUAL HIGHLAND GATHERING, Albert Ground, NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1875.
Under distinguished patronage (of which further notice will be given).

NOTICE TO ATHLETES.
The following is a programme of sports which will take place at the Highland Gathering, New Year's Day:—
PROGRAMME OF SPORTS.
FLAT RACE. Quarter of a mile. For Boys under 15 years. 3 prizes—£2, £1, and 10s. Seven to compete or no third prize. Entrance, 1s.
NEW YEAR'S GIFT FLAT RACE (Handicap).—150 yards, in divisions. Open to all comers. 1st prize, £15; 2nd, £5; 3rd, £2. Entrance, 5s. To be competed for at three distances, viz., 150 (to be run in divisions), 440, and 880 yards, to be run in such order as the committee may determine. The competitor scoring the greatest number of points shall be the winner, and the number of points at each distance shall be, for the 1st, 5; for the 2nd, 3; and for the 3rd, 2. In the event of a tie in the aggregate score, competitor shall run off at the 440 yards distance. Ties at single distances each to score the points awarded for the place.
THROWING THE LIGHT HAMMER.—1st prize, £1; 2nd, 10s. Entrance, 1s.
SACK HURDLE RACE—150 yards. 1 ton of coal has been kindly presented by Mr. A. McL. Henderson (of Woolloomooloo) as a special prize for this event.
Further prizes of £1 1s and 15s. Entrance, 1s. Seven to compete, or no second and third prizes.
FLAT RACE.—One quarter of a mile (in divisions), 1st prize, £2 2s; 2nd, £1 1s; 3rd, 10s 6d. For seamen of all nations, either men-of-war's men or those belonging to the merchant service. Entrance free.
In addition to the above prizes, further prizes of £1 10s and 15s, for the two seamen who are dressed in the most comical costume.
PUTTING THE SHOT.—1st prize, £1 10s; 2nd, 15s. Entrance, 1s. Four to compete or no second prize.
HIGHLAND PIPING.—Marches, Strathspeys, Reels. Three prizes, £2 2s each. A special prize of £2 2s has been presented by W. Neill, Esq. (of the City Bank), to the winner of two out of the three events. The competitors at the time of entry to name three tunes appropriate to each of the above, from which the committee will make selections. Entrance, 2s.
SAILORS' HORNPIPE.—1st prize, £2 2s; 2nd £1 1s. Entrance free. None but bona-fide acting seamen will be allowed to compete for this. Four to compete or no second prize.
RUNNING HIGH LEAP.—1st prize, £1 10s; 2nd, 15s. Entrance, 1s.
HIGHLAND DANCING.—GILLIE CALLUM.—*1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1.
REELS.—1st prize, £2; 3 prizes of £1.
HIGHLAND FLING.—1st prize, £3; 2nd, £1 10s. And also a CHAMPION GOLD MEDAL will be presented by the committee to the best Dancer who makes the most points two years in succession.
HIGHLAND DANCING (for Boys).—Highland Fling, in costume. 1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s.
WALKING MATCH (all comers).—One mile and a half (handicap). 1st prize, £7; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £1. Entrance, 2s.
TOSSING THE CABER.—1st prize, £1 10s; 2nd, 15s. Entrance, 1s.
POLE VAULTING.—Entrance, 1s. 1st prize, £3 3s, or trophy; 2nd, £1 10s, or trophy.
BEST DRESSED HIGHLANDER.—A special prize of £5 5s has been presented to the committee by the Hon. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, M.L.C., to be awarded to the best dressed Highlander. 2nd prize, £3 3s; 3rd, £1 1s.
BEST DRESSED HIGHLAND BOY.—Four prizes, £3 3s, £2 2s, £1 1s, and 10s.
Special prizes for young Ladies for Dancing, and for the best dressed Highland Lass, will be presented by the Committee.
Entrances for the NEW YEAR'S GIFT FLAT RACE and WALKING MATCH will close on MONDAY, 28th December, at 9 o'clock, at Punch's Hotel, Pitt-street.
*For the Gillie Callum event, 3 to compete, or no second prize.
H. J. CHISHOLM, Captain, and Honorary Secretary.

PEOPLE'S CONCERTS, TEMPERANCE HALL, Pitt-street, every SATURDAY EVENING.
The usual weekly CONCERT will take place THIS (Boxing) NIGHT.
All the talented popular ARTISTES secured for the Temperance Hall.
A choice well-arranged programme TO-NIGHT.
Mrs. Gray, Miss Wiseman, Miss Clara Lea, Messrs. Andrew Fairfax, H. Ackland, G. F. Jackson, and Frank Lloyd will all take part.
Chairman, Hon. J. B. WILSON.
Doors open at a quarter-past 7, concert at 8 o'clock.
Admission to all parts, gallery included,
ONE SHILLING, ONE SHILLING.
PROGRAMME—PART I.
Overture—Grand Waltz—(Mattei)—Mrs. and Miss Caldwell
Quartette—"Here in cool grot"—(Mornington)—Company
Song—"Down the Burn"—Miss Clara Lea
Ballad—"I seek for thee in every flower"—(Ganz)—Mr. H. Ackland
Song—"He's none to love but me"—(Rockstro)—Mrs. Gray
Descriptive—"The Wolf"—(Sheild)—Mr. Andrew Fairfax
Duet—"O, would that my love"—(Mendelssohn)—Mrs. Gray and Mr. Jackson
Song—"A bird sung on a hawthorne tree—(Hatton)—Miss Wiseman
Song—"A gude New Year to ane and a'"—(Hume)—Mr. G. F. Jackson
Duet—"As o'er the wave"—(Fisher)—Miss Wiseman and Mr. Ackland
Motto Song—"One story is good till another is told"—Mr. Frank Lloyd
PART 2.
Overture—Selections—Mrs. and Miss Caldwell
Gipsy Chorus—"The stars that above us are shining"—(Weber)—Company
Song—"She wore a wreath of roses"—(Bright)—Miss Clara Lea
Eccentricities—"The Bold Militiaman"—Mr. Frank Lloyd
Duet—"The Invitation"—Miss Wiseman and Mrs. Gray
Christmas Song—Nazareth—(Gounod), by request—Mr. Andrew Fairfax
Song—"Truth in absence"—(Harpur)—Mrs. Gray
Ballad—"Yes, I'll meet thee, dearest—(Blamphin)—Mr. H. Ackland
Song—"Should he upbraid"—(Bishop)—Miss Wiseman
Duet—"Flow, gentle Deva"—Messrs. Jackson and Andrew Fairfax
Song—"Auld Lang Syne"—(Burns)—Mr. G. F. Jackson
Finale—"God save the Queen"—Solo, Miss Wiseman; chorus, the Audience.
Accompanist—Mrs. Caldwell.
JOHN DAVIES, Secretary.

BOXING DAY.—IVANHOE PARK PICNIC GROUNDS, MANLY BEACH, will be free to the public.
Admission to the Pavilion, 1s. Pass tickets issued for the day. Crook's Royal Alfred Quadrille Band is engaged. Refreshments on the ground.

HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD DEBT LIQUIDATION FUND.
A CONCERT will be given in St. Francis' Hall, on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 8 o'clock.
Admission, 1s each.
HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP-COADJUTOR will, on that evening, receive from those ladies who have been recently engaged in collecting towards the above object the various amounts. He will address them on the occasion.

HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD—GRAND ANNUAL EXCURSION, THIS DAY, December 26.
Five favourite steamers are engaged, and will ply from Circular Quay, foot of Pitt-street, and Woolloomooloo Bay, every half-hour, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.
St. Francis's Brass Band and National Musicians in attendance.
Tickets—1s 6d for adults, children, 1s.
JOHN J. GILCHRIST, Hon. Sec.

EXHIBITION BUILDING.

BOXING-DAY.

DOORS OPEN at 10 O'CLOCK, THIS DAY.
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THE GRAND ENTERTAINMENTS commence at half-past 10 precisely.
ORGAN RECITALS. ORGAN RECITALS.

DANCING, DANCING, in the GREAT BUILDING
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THE GIRARD'S BAND. THE GIRARD'S BAND.

At half-past 11, Miss CREED ROYAL. Selected Songs.
At 12 o'clock,
Messrs. BUCKLEY and HOLLY, American Prize Jig Dancers and Comedians in their grand Pantomimic Act.
At half-past 12,
The Great Original BARRY O'NEIL, in his Budget of Comicalities.
At intervals, during the morning, O'NEIL'S Exhibition. Punch and Judy. Merry-go-round.
Plenty of Amusement and Fun for the Juveniles.
Come Early. Come Early.
Admission for the day, only
ONE SHILLING. ONE SHILLING.
Chairs and seats, 2s 6d. Chairs and seats, 2s 6d.
No Passes. No Passes.
REFRESHMENTS, Refreshments, and all Conveniences in the Building.
BUSES—Buses—Run all day and evening to the Exhibition Building.

At half-past 2,
MADAME ANNA BISHOP
Signor CARMINI MORLEY
Mr. CHARLES LASCELLES
The Wonderful GIRARDS
RUSSEL, JULIAN, EMILE,
in their Grand Fantastical Saltatorial Pantomime
Miss CREED ROYAL
The Great Original BARRY O'NEIL
N. La FEUILLADE,
the most accomplished Violin Virtuoso in Australia
Messrs. BUCKLEY and HOLLY, the celebrated American Prize Jig Dancers and Comedians
NATATOR, the Man-Fish, in his astounding feats—a performance unequalled in the World.

This Extraordinary Programme commences for the day at 10 o'clock, and continues all day to 6 o'clock.

Doors open again at quarter-past 7 for the evening's performances.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1874.

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GRAND CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
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and
FANCY FAIR.

COME AND SEE
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THE
GRANDEST COMBINATION OF TALENT ever presented to an Australian Audience.

The following Eminent Artists will appear throughout the Day and Evening:—
MADAME ANNA BISHOP
SIGNOR C. MORLEY
MR. CHARLES LASCELLES
MISS CREED ROYAL.

THE WONDERFUL GIRARDS!!! in their Astounding Performances.

NATATOR!!!
THE MAN-FISH,
in his Extraordinary Sub-aqueous Feats.
HE DRINKS, EATS, and SMOKES UNDER WATER,
and also performs his wonderful NEW CHAIR ACT.

Mr. BARRY O'NEIL in his Budget of Comicalities.

Mr. N. LA FEUILLADE, the celebrated Violin Virtuoso.

Messrs. BUCKLEY and HOLLY, the American Prize Jig Dancers and Ethiopian Comedians.

MILLION PRICES!
Admission, ONE SHILLING. Children 6d.
Reserved chairs, 2s 6d.
Children, half-price.

THE BEST ENTERTAINMENT IN SYDNEY DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

Doors open at 10 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

GRAND ORGAN RECITALS.

MERRY-GO-ROUNDS, PUNCH and JUDY, &c., &c., &c.
DURING THE DAY.

OPEN FOR THE EVENING.
at 7 o'clock; performance to commence at 8.
Tickets and seats may be secured at Messrs. ELVY and CO.'S, Musicsellers, George-street.
RUSSEL GIRARD, Manager.

THIS IS THE PROGRAMME for BOXING-NIGHT,
THIS EVENING, THIS EVENING,
EXHIBITION BUILDING.

GRAND CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

BOXING-DAY, SATURDAY, December 26th.

PROGRAMME.
GRAND ORCHESTRA.
1. Pianoforte Solo—Danse Andalouse
Mr. C. LASCELLES.
2. Song—"Beware"
Signor C. MORLEY.
3. Cavatina—"Ernani Involami" (Ernani) .... Verdi
Madame ANNA BISHOP.
4. Ballad—"O mother, dear"
Mr. C. LASCELLES.
5. Song—"John Anderson, my Jo"
Madame ANNA BISHOP.
6. Ballad—"When other lips" (Bohemian Girl) .... Balfe
Signor C. MORLEY.
7. Song—Selected
Miss CREED ROYAL.
GRAND FINALE.
8. Trio—"Te sol quest anima" (Attila) .... Verdi
Madame ANNA BISHOP, Signor C. MORLEY, and Mr. C. LASCELLES
9. Grand Violin Solo .... Mr. N. LA FEUILLADE (introducing "Auld Robin Gray," "Comin through the Rye," with his wonderful imitation of the Scotch Bagpipes).

Interval of five minutes.
PART II.
Grand Head Quarters Galop ... Band.
(Composed by N. La Feuillade.)
The world-renowned GIRARD FAMILY, RUSSELL, JULIAN, and EMILE, in their grand Fantastical Saltatorial PANTOMIME.
The grandest grotesque performance ever presented to the world.
BARRY O'NEIL, in his Budget of Comicalities.
The Great American PRIZE JIG
MESSRS. BUCKLEY AND HOLLY.

The Entertainment to conclude with THE MAN-FISH.
NATATOR. NATATOR,
in his ASTOUNDING SUB-AQUEOUS FEATS.
A Performance unequalled in the world.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Doors open at 7 o'clock. Performance to commence at 8 o'clock.
Admission—Chairs, 2s. 6d. Promenade, 1s.
Grand Pianoforte, by Lipp, from Lewis Moss, Music Warehouse, Hunter-street.
Seats may be secured at Messrs. ELVY and CO.'S, Music Sellers, George-street, without extra charge.
Carriages may be ordered for 10.30 p.m.

Grand Performance Every Day and Evening next week.
Doors open at 2 p.m.; commence at 2.30.
MILLION PRICES! ADMISSION, ONE SHILLING.
GRAND CHANGE OF PROGRAMME EVERY EVENING.
RUSSELL GIRARD, Manager.

PEARL BAY RECREATION GROUNDS.—Picnic parties will find every accommodation. For arrangements for schools, &c., apply to Dr. HANSARD, Regent-street.

SANS SOUCI. SANS SOUCI.—Four-horse 'BUS will leave corner of King and George streets, on SATURDAY, at 1.30; and on SUNDAY, at 10 a.m., for Dobson's Hotel. Luncheons, &c., on arrival.
K. J. DOBSON, Proprietor.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Stage Manager ...... Mr. B. N. Jones.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

FUN. FUN. FUN.

Production of the GRAND CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME.

Reappearance of Miss LYDIA HOWARDE, Mdlle. ANDREE NAVARO, and Mdlle. SOLANGE NAVARO.

First appearance of Mr. H. FLORENCE.
First appearance of Mr. J. A. SOUTH.

THIS EVENING, December 26, 1874, and every evening till further notice, the grand fancy Operatic Burlesque,
THE WHITE CAT, or PRINCE LARDI DARDI; or THE RADIANT ROSETTA, or HARLEQUINA, QUEEN OF THE DRAGON FLIES.

The new and elaborate Scenery from the prolific pencils of .... Messrs. J. Setright and W. Burbury
Machinery and Mechanical Effects by ... Mr. John Renno and Sons
Magnificent Jewels by ... Mr. Wheeler
Properties by ... Mr. Vinson and Assistants
Dresses, all new and beautiful, by ... Mrs. Stapleton
Splendid Lime Light Effects by ... Messrs. T. J. Bown and Co.
The Music arranged by ... Mr. W. Rice
And the whole produced under the direction of ... Mr. B. N. Jones.

FAIRY PEOPLE.
THE FAIRY DRAGONETTA ... MDLLE. ANDREE NAVARO
Grumpi ... Master Watson
Humpi Dumpi ... Mr. E. Ryan
The Queen of Dreamy Dell ... Miss Jessie Dixon
ORDINARY MORTALS.
King Dawdle the Doddler ... Mr. J. J. Welsh
Queen Fevers ... Miss Melville
PRINCE LARDI DARDI ... MISS LYDIA HOWARDE
Prince Dapper ... Miss Lizzie Dixon
PRINCE SPRIGHTLY ... MDL. SOLANGE NAVARO
LORD CHAMBERLAIN ...... MR. H. FLORENCE
Bobbini ... Mr. Harry Simmons
EXTRA-ORDINARY MORTALS.
Princess Rosetta ... Miss Tilly Andrews
Princess Papillonetta ... Miss Murray
Prince Pirouetta ... Miss J. Rayner
Six other Princes, names not mentioned here, for family reasons.
Miss Tabby ... Mr. J. A. South
Eight Princes, friends of Prince Lardi Dardi.
Polly ... Master Tommy Perman
Noodle ... Master Tommy Milner
Five Dwarfs, in attendance on Humpi Dumpi.
Miss McTabby ... Mr. J. A. South
Grooms, Dogs, Cats, Fairies, &c., &c.

Programme of Scenery and Incidents.
PROLOGUE.
DRAGON FLY GARDENS.
The Princesses—The Princes—An Escapade—Return of the BAA FAIRY—Arrival of the DWARF—Rescue by Lardi Dardi.
TREMENDOUS COMBAT—VIRTUE UNREWARDED!—VICE TRIUMPHANT
First appearance of the GOOD FAIRY—The Sentence Mitigated—PRINCE LARDI DARDI sent to sleep for 100 years
VIDE RIP VAN WINKLE.
Princesses changed into CATS, not to resume their forms until the
WHITE CAT (Rosetta's) HEAD and TAIL have been cut off by
PRINCE LARDI DARDI.

, TEMPUS FUGIT to the extent of 100 years between the Prologue and
Scene—THE PALACE OF KING DAWDLE.
Despondency—His two Sons claim the Crown—Centenary of Prince Lardi-Dardi—Re-appearance of that young Gentleman—Enthusiasm of populace—The King consents to give up his Crown on one condition—"A Little Wee Dog small enough to go inside a nut"—Departure of Princes.
Scene—THE FOREST OF KATZ KRADLE KASTLE.
The Cats out Hunting—A Man—The White Cat receives Prince Lardi-Dardi—Miss McTabby welcomes him—Cat Quartette—Invoking the Mews—Bobbini descends—Proposal for Dances and Songs to enliven the Visit—Suggestion carried nem. con.—Joviality and Sociability—Cat and the Fiddle.
GRAND BALLET OF CATS, by Madame COLONNA and Troupe, assisted by an augmented Corps de Ballet.
Scene—KING DAWDLE'S PALACE AGAIN.
Return of Princes with Little Wee Dog—Failure—Success of Prince Lardi-Dardi—New conditions made—Sudden Appearance of the Black Dwarf as a friend—Departure of Princes in search of the loveliest Princess ever seen.

ACT 2.
Scene—BALL ROOM IN KATZ KRADLE KASTLE.
Festivities in honour of Princes—thousand additional lamps.
Masquerade of Cats (new characteristic French dance), by Madame COLONNA and troupe.
Miss McTabby attaches herself to Bobbini—the White Cat suggests cutting herself short, which brings us to the conclusion and to the arrival of the Good Fairy, who, on the restoration of the Princes and Princesses, join all their hands in her own domain of
THE HAPPY LAND OF WAKING DREAMS
and
GRAND TRANSFORMATION SCENE,
consisting of 8 magnificent changes, commencing with the
GLOOMY CAVE,
THE HOME OF THE DRAGON FLY,
THE DRAGON FLY'S RETREAT,
THE BIVALVIAN HOME OF FAIRIES,
THE SILVER CONSERVATORY,
FAIRY DELIGHTS,
THE DREAMY DELL,
TEMPLE OF VENUS,
and
REVOLVING COLUMNS.
GRAND DOUBLE HARLEQUINADE
By the following Artistes:—
JUVENILE HARLEQUINADE.
Harlequin ... La Petite Lucy Osborne
Columbine ... La Petite Lizzie Arnold
Pantaloon ... La Petite T. Perman
Clown ... La Petite R. Watson
ADULT HARLEQUINADE.
Harlequin ... Mr. E. Alexander. Mr. Hourigan
Columbine ... Miss Lizzie Dixon
Pantaloon ... Mr. H. Simmons
Clown ... Mr. J. A. South

To conclude with a
A MAGNIFICENT LAST SCENE.
N.B.—Free list suspended, Press alone excepted. No orders given.
Doors open at 7.30. Carriages ordered for 10.45.

BOXING DAY—VAUXHALL GARDENS, Randwick, is where we will spend the day.

ALL kinds of ENGLISH SPORTS at VAUXHALL GARDENS, Randwick.

QUOITS, SKITTLES, Bowls and Swing Boats, and Swings for children, at Vauxhall Gardens.

DANCING on the Lawn, on BOXING DAY, at VAUXHALL GARDENS, Randwick.

THE best of REFRESHMENTS—Wines and Spirits at Sydney prices, at VAUXHALL GARDENS.

A QUADRILLE BAND is engaged for BOXING DAY, at VAUXHALL GARDENS, Randwick.

EXCURSION TO MANLY BEACH.
BOXING-DAY.
Steamers—ROYAL ALFRED, BREADALBANE, MYSTERY, MANLY,
from Circular Wharf 9.30, calling at Woolloomooloo Bay, and every half-hour until 2.30; last trip from Circular Wharf 5 p.m., and Manly Beach 6 p.m.
PIG, POUND, and POLE CHASE.
Brass Band engaged; dancing free of charge.
Fare: Return Ticket, 1s 6d; children, 1s.
THOMAS HESELTON.

BOXING DAY.
RYDE RACES.
EXCURSION STEAMERS (see Parramatta steamers' advertisement). Conveyances from Ryde Wharf. Magnificent scenery. Good Road.
Fine shady picnic ground.

BOXING DAY. ALBERT GROUND.
INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET MATCH.
VICTORIA v. NEW SOUTH WALES.
FALL of each WICKET to be TELEGRAPHED.

BOXING DAY. ALBERT GROUND.
HAWKESBURY RACES.
WINNERS to be TELEGRAPHED.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.—ANNUAL PICNIC, to Athol Gardens, MONDAY, 28th December. Steamers will leave the Queen's Wharf every half-hour during the day, commencing at 9 a.m. Tickets, 1s 6d; children, half-price. Splendid quadrille band engaged.

LANE COVE AND HUNTER'S HILL REGATTA.
To be held on the Lane Cove River on New Year's Day, FRIDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1875.

COMMITTEE:

Mr. J. J. Anderson	Mr. E. P. Laycock
R. Harnett	A. F. Lenehan
J. M. Haseland	G. R. Lenehan
S. Huntley	F. Lovick
W. Jack	J. Macnish
Jules Joubert	Gerard Phillips
B. P. Palser.	

Mr. A. Traill.
STARTER AND UMPIRE: Mr. R. Harnett.
HON. TREASURER: Mr. Jules Joubert.
HON. SECRETARY: Mr. G. R. Lenehan.

PROGRAMME.
First Race, 10.30 a.m.—Youths under 16 years of age, residents on the Lane Cove and Parramatta Rivers, pulling pair of sculls in dingies. Course: From flagboat round boat off Alexandra-street and back to flagboat. Entrance, 5s. Prize, £2 2s, or trophy.
Second Race, 11 a.m.—Bona-fide amateurs, resident on the Lane Cove and Parramatta Rivers, who have not pulled in a Champion Race, pulling pair of sculls in light skiffs. Course: From flagboat round boat off Onion Point, round boat off Alexandra-street, and back to flagboat. Entrance, 10s 6d. Prize, £3 3s, or trophy.
Third Race, 11.30 a.m.—All wood and fruit boats. Course: From flagboat round Garden Island and back to flagboat. Entrance, 10s 6d. Prize, £6 6s.
Fourth Race, 11.30 a.m.—For skiffs, under canvas, not to exceed 22 feet in length, 5 feet beam, and 20 inches deep; working centreboards and fins allowed. Course: Same as No. 3. Entrance, 10s 6d. Prize, £4 4s, or trophies.
Fifth Race, 12 noon.—All-comers who have not pulled in a Champion Race, pulling a pair of sculls in light skiffs. Course: Same as No. 2. Entrance, 10s 6d. Prize, £5 5s.
Sixth Race, 0.30 p.m.—Youths under 16 years of age, resident on the Lane Cove and Parramatta Rivers, pulling pair of sculls in light skiffs. Course: Same as No. 2. Entrance, 7s 6d. Prize, £2 2s, or trophy.
Seventh Race, 2 p.m.—Bona-fide amateurs, who have not pulled in a Champion Race, pulling four oars, with coxswain, in string-test Gigs. Course: From flagboat round Cockatoo Island and back to flagboat. Entrance, £1 1s. Prize, trophies.
Eighth Race, 2.30 p.m.—Bona-fide amateurs, pulling double sculls, with coxswain, in light skiffs. Course: Same as No. 2. Entrance, 10s 6d. Prize, trophies.
Ninth Race, 3 p.m.—All sailing boats under 27 feet overall, skiffs excepted. Course: From flagboat round Shark Island and back to flagboat. Entrance, 10s 6d. Prize, £6 6s, or trophies.
Tenth Race, 3.30 p.m.—All residents on the Lane Cove and Parramatta Rivers, pulling two pairs of sculls, with coxswain, in licensed waterman's boats. Course: Same as No. 2. Entrance, 10s 6d. Prize, £5 5s.
Eleventh Race, 4 p.m.—Tub Race, for residents on the Lane Cove and Parramatta Rivers. Course: From Oyster Shed to Longueville Wharf. Entrance free. Prizes—1st, £1 10s; 2nd, 15s; 3rd, 10s.
Twelfth Race, 4.30 p.m.—Wild Goose Chase. Entrance free. Prize, goose.
The rules of the Anniversary Regatta of 1874 to be adhered to.
Entrances will be received on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, by the Treasurer, at Lyons-buildings, 227, George-street, between 3 and 4 p.m.; or at the Council Chambers, Hunter's Hill, at 8 p.m.
Subscribers only admitted to Flagship on production of card, signed by the honorary secretary.
JULES JOUBERT, Hon. Treasurer.
G. R. LENEHAN, Hon. Secretary.

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A LICENSED SURVEYOR is willing to take a PUPIL in the field; premium required. Address Euclid, care of Mr. M'Carthy, chemist, Hunter-street.

CLERK wanted, for the entering desk in a drapery warehouse. Box 258, General Post Office.

IRONMONGERS.—ASSISTANT wanted, for the country. Apply to James Plummer, 438, George-st.

MEDICAL.—Wanted, a young MAN (Chemist), with £200, to join another up country. Address B. B., care Gordon and Gotch, George-street, Sydney.

MEDICAL.—Wanted, a duly qualified Medical PRACTITIONER, for an Oddfellows' Lodge, in West Maitland, having over 100 members. All information can be had from the Secretary. Applications to be in on or before the 8th proximo.
THOS. DIMMOCK, Elgin-street, West Maitland.

MEDICAL PROFESSION.—A duly qualified Medical GENTLEMAN is required to attend the members of the Loyal Ryde United Friends' Lodge of Oddfellows, at Ryde.
For particulars apply to the Secretary, Oddfellows' Hall, Ryde.
ROBERT YOUNG, Secretary.

SPLITTERS, SQUARERS, and FENCERS wanted on Railway Works, Yass to Wagga Wagga; good ironbark and box bush. Good climate and good prices.
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WANTED, good CARPENTERS. W. Woodgate, St. John's Road, Glebe.

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WANTED, a resident GOVERNESS, in a School, to teach English, French, music, and drawing. A liberal salary will be given to a competent person. Presto, Post-office, Woollahra.

WANTED, a single Lady, or Widow, without encumbrance, with £50 to £75, as PARTNER in a bona fide business returning large profits. A chance seldom met with. B. Y. Z., HERALD Office.

WANTED, MINERS and NAVVIES, well up in the use of powder; good Pick and Shovel MEN. Good wages, good climate, and good country open for selection. Railway Works—Yass to Wagga Wagga.
A. and R. Amos and Co., contractors.

WANTED (for the second quarter of the ensuing year), a GOVERNESS, to assist in a school; she must be thoroughly competent to impart a sound English education with drawing and painting in water-colours. It is essential that applicants should either have been trained under the Council of Education or have passed the University senior examination. Terms on application to Mrs. W. Donaldson, Newcastle.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

A GENTLEMAN of large commercial experience will be open for ENGAGEMENT at commencement of year as Salesman, or other position of responsibility and trust in any wholesale business; or would take management of branch. Address Commerce, Box 323, Post-office.

NEW SOUTH WALES OPERATIVE BAKERS' ASSOCIATION.—Competent MEN can be ENGAGED, for town or country, at Society's Rooms, Rowe's Hyde Park Hotel, Castlereagh and Bathurst streets.
JOHN MURRICH, Secretary.

SITUATION as Clerk, Bookkeeper, or Warehouseman, age 30. A.J.W., Com. Restaurant, 262, Pitt-st.

SERVANTS WANTED.

PANTRYMAID wanted. Apply Mrs. E. W. Cooper, Wentworth House, Church-hill, Sydney.

WANTED, a Female General SERVANT. Apply at the Gas Hotel, Kent-street North, No. 150.

WANTED, a good KITCHENMAN; must be sober. Metropolitan, 67, King-street.

WANTED, a young MAN, accustomed to grocery business. M'Gee and Devir, Botany Road, Redfern.

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WANTED, a WAITER. Apply at the Hotel de France, King and George streets.

WANTED, several GANGS, to undertake works on the Abattoir Road. The undersigned will be on the ground at Crescent-street, near the Abattoirs, Balmain, on TUESDAY next, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of letting the same. Frederick Wells, road superintendent.

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